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## **OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)**

### **Consumer and Case Counts**

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, DSS had 23,981 open cases (1,817 adoption cases and 22,164 clinical cases). A total of 78,311 consumers<sup>1</sup> (36,469 adults and 41,842 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,016 in the Boston Region to 5,053 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1)**
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, consumer counts and case counts increased 5% and 3%, respectively. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2 on page 6, Figs. 20 and 21 on page 53)**

### **Consumers in Placement**

- There were 10,904 individuals in placement on the last day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. Included in this count are 9,586 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,318 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 22% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 18% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Metro Region, 13% in the Central Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 23% (or 9,586) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 25% in the West, 23% in the Southeast, 22% in both Metro and the Northeast, 21% in Central, and 20% in Boston. **(Table 2)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Fall River, and Greenfield Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Lawrence, Malden, and Park Street Area Offices. **(Table 2)**

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<sup>1</sup> Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services or a service plan goal. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation.

- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, there was no significant statewide change in children in placement (1%). Regionally, the fluctuations ranged from -1% (Central and Metro) to 4% (Northeast). (**Fig. 3**)

### **Children Not in Placement**

- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, counts of children not in placement increased 8% statewide (partly related to a programming change). Regional gains ranged from 6% (Central, Northeast, and Boston) to 12% in the West. Quarterly counts of children not in placement (and to a lesser degree, children in placement) display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). (**Fig. 4**)

### **Age, Sex, Race, and Preferred Language of Consumers**

- On the last day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, the consumer population included 41,842 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 36,469 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Forty percent (16,644) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Table 1, Fig. 5**)
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.5:1. (**Fig. 5**)
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race was unspecified for 24% of the consumers. (**Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B**)
- Of the total consumer population, 23% (17,733 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. (**Table 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D**)
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 48% Black and 21% White consumers (4,607 and 2,035 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (888 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (**Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B**)

- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DSS to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the following table. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DSS system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded.

Race	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State Census <sup>2</sup> 2000	DSS Not in Care 6/30/06	DSS All Substitute Care 6/30/06	DSS Foster Care 6/30/06	DSS Residential Care 6/30/06	DSS All Care w/Goal of Adoption 6/30/06	DSS All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 6/30/06	DSS Adoptions Legalized FY'2006	DSS Guardianships Legalized FY'2006
White	79%	56%	60%	60%	62%	60%	62%	64%	61%
Black	7%	17%	19%	18%	20%	17%	20%	16%	21%
Asian	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	3%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	----
Multi- Racial	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	6%	4%	6%	2%
Other/ Unknown	6%	21%	15%	16%	13%	17%	12%	14%	13%
TOTAL%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL#	1,500,064	32,256	9,586	7,012	2,052	2,481	518	893	518
Hispanic Origin <sup>3</sup> Yes	11%	28%	26%	26%	24%	28%	20%	26%	19%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	65%	69%	69%	73%	66%	74%	70%	76%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	8%	5%	5%	4%	6%	6%	4%	5%
TOTAL%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

<sup>2</sup> Kids Count census data online, *Race of Children by Age Group in the 2000 Census*, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 (Table P12A-P12G)

<sup>3</sup> Children of any race who are Hispanic

- The Northeastern, Western, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 8% (1,177 consumers), 8% (1,164), and 8% (787), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 379 DSS consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Metro and Southeast), Haitian Creole (Metro, Boston, and Southeast), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston and Central), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4**)
- Consumers with the primary languages Khmer Cambodian and Haitian Creole showed the greatest increases from 1987 to 2006 (See table below). Portuguese-, Cape Verdean Creole-, and Chinese-speaking consumers displayed the largest declines over this period.

<b>Primary Language</b>	<b>Consumers July 1987 No.</b>	<b>Consumers June 2006 No.</b>	<b>Change %</b>
English/Unspecified*	60,784	70,829	17%
Spanish	3,664	4,487	22%
Khmer Cambodian	253	379	50%
Portuguese	530	300	-43%
Haitian Creole	175	315	80%
Vietnamese	146	131	-10%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	137	-21%
Chinese	71	57	-20%
American Sign Language	47	35	-26%
Lao	30	26	-13%
Other	213	1,615	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,087</b>	<b>78,311</b>	<b>18%</b>

\*When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

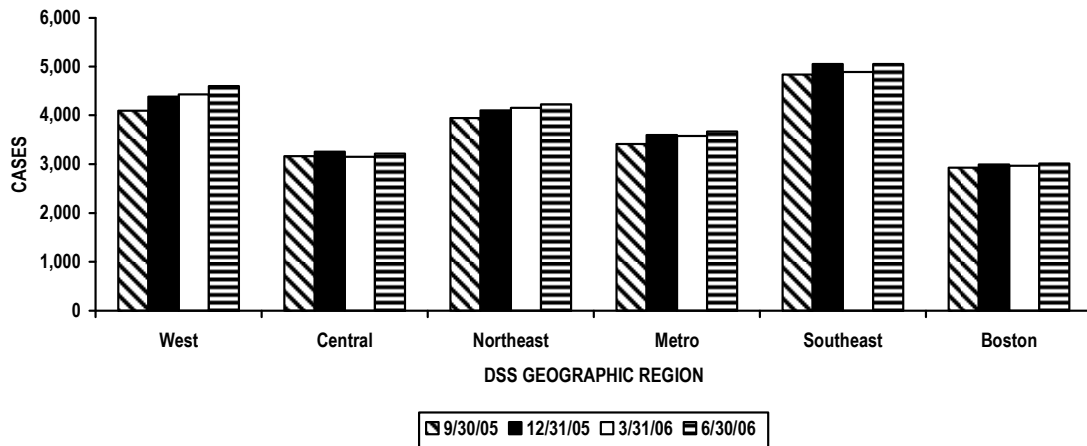


TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

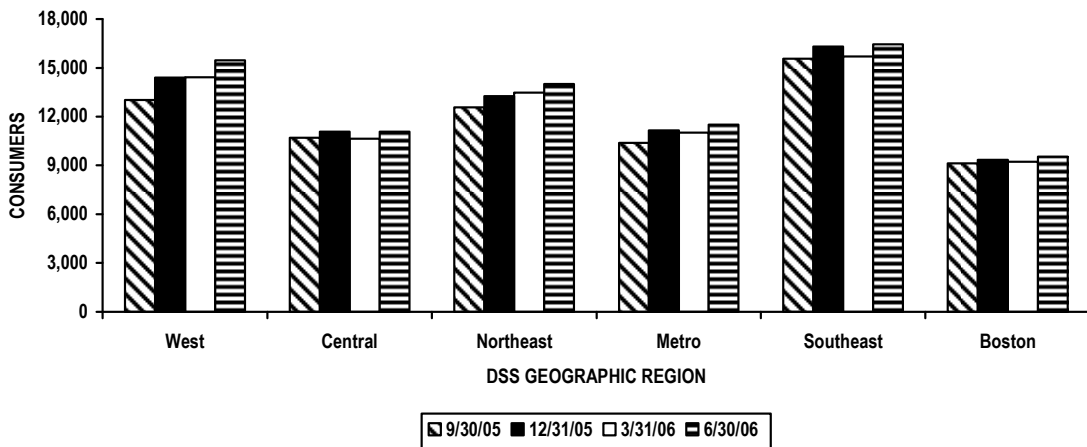
Case Counts:	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
Adoption	387	215	272	237	363	192	150	1	1,817
Clinical	4,213	3,004	3,954	3,437	4,690	2,824	7	35	22,164
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>3,674</b>	<b>5,053</b>	<b>3,016</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>23,981</b>
<b>Consumer Counts:</b>									
<b>Adults: <sup>(3)</sup></b>									
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Residential Care <sup>(5)</sup>	191	133	261	207	247	221	---	21	1,281
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	4	2	4	3	6	5	---	---	24
On the Run	1	3	1	---	3	5	---	---	13
<b>Total in Placement</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,318</b>
Not in Placement	6,763	4,944	6,167	5,382	7,797	4,091	---	7	35,151
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>6,959</b>	<b>5,082</b>	<b>6,433</b>	<b>5,592</b>	<b>8,053</b>	<b>4,322</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36,469</b>
<b>Children:</b>									
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Residential Care <sup>(5)</sup>	2,035	1,190	1,584	1,237	1,830	943	232	13	9,064
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	60	31	66	32	49	45	3	---	286
On the Run	73	18	29	23	43	50	---	---	236
<b>Total in Placement</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9,586</b>
Not in Placement	6,340	4,746	5,893	4,615	6,462	4,182	15	3	32,256
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>8,508</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>7,572</b>	<b>5,907</b>	<b>8,384</b>	<b>5,220</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>41,842</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,467</b>	<b>11,067</b>	<b>14,005</b>	<b>11,499</b>	<b>16,437</b>	<b>9,542</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>78,311</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.<sup>(4)</sup> Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.<sup>(6)</sup> "Other" includes non-referral locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION**  
**(FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION**  
**(FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER)**



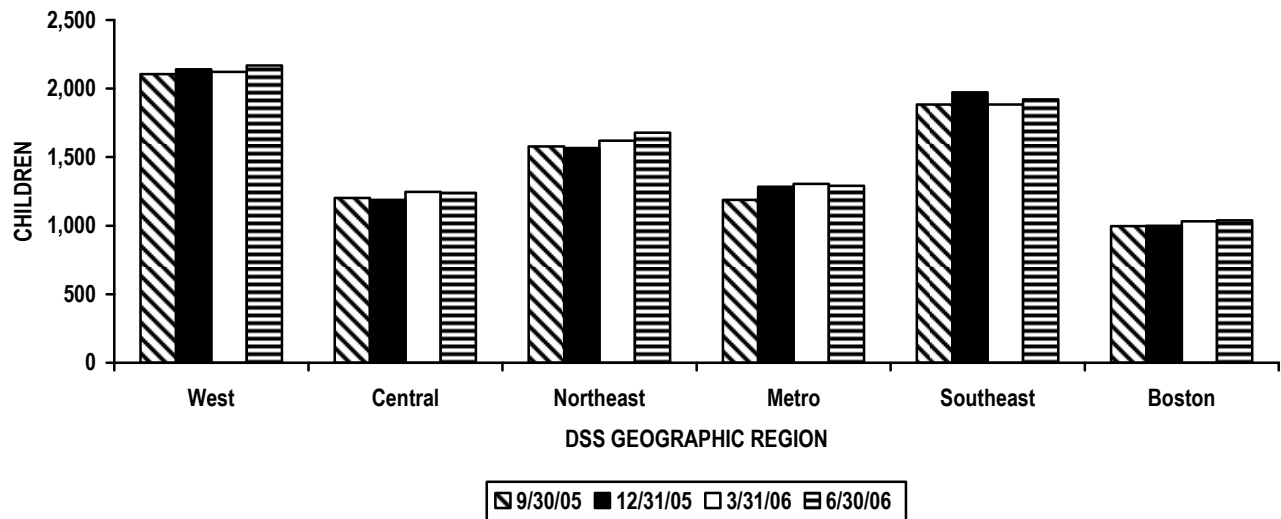
**TABLE 2. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DSS : FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**

<b>DSS Region/Area</b>	<b>Not in Placement</b>	<b>In Placement</b>	<b>Total Child Caseload</b>	<b>% in Placement</b>
Greenfield	881	352	1,233	29%
Holyoke	1,416	492	1,908	26%
Pittsfield	867	386	1,253	31%
Robert Van Wart	1,672	418	2,090	20%
Springfield	1,494	519	2,013	26%
Contracted Agencies	10	1	11	9%
<b>Western</b>	<b>6,340</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>8,508</b>	<b>25%</b>
North Central	1,406	326	1,732	19%
South Central	1,107	298	1,405	21%
Worcester East	1,143	320	1,463	22%
Worcester West	1,083	295	1,378	21%
Contracted Agencies	7	---	7	---
<b>Central</b>	<b>4,746</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>21%</b>
Cape Ann	1,042	333	1,375	24%
Haverhill	882	244	1,126	22%
Lawrence	1,603	310	1,913	16%
Lowell	1,319	464	1,783	26%
Lynn	1,042	326	1,368	24%
Contracted Agencies	5	2	7	29%
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>5,893</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>7,572</b>	<b>22%</b>
Arlington	913	251	1,164	22%
Cambridge	725	222	947	23%
Coastal	900	311	1,211	26%
Framingham	778	226	1,004	23%
Malden	1,290	275	1,565	18%
Contracted Agencies	9	7	16	44%
<b>Metro</b>	<b>4,615</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>5,907</b>	<b>22%</b>
Attleboro	853	250	1,103	23%
Brockton	1,230	335	1,565	21%
Cape Cod	834	263	1,097	24%
Fall River	1,092	440	1,532	29%
New Bedford	1,535	408	1,943	21%
Plymouth	906	222	1,128	20%
Contracted Agencies	12	4	16	25%
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>8,384</b>	<b>23%</b>
Dimock St.	890	252	1,142	22%
Harbor	1,069	245	1,314	19%
Hyde Park	847	229	1,076	21%
Park St.	1,376	310	1,686	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>5,220</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Other<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,256</b>	<b>9,586</b>	<b>41,842</b>	<b>23%</b>

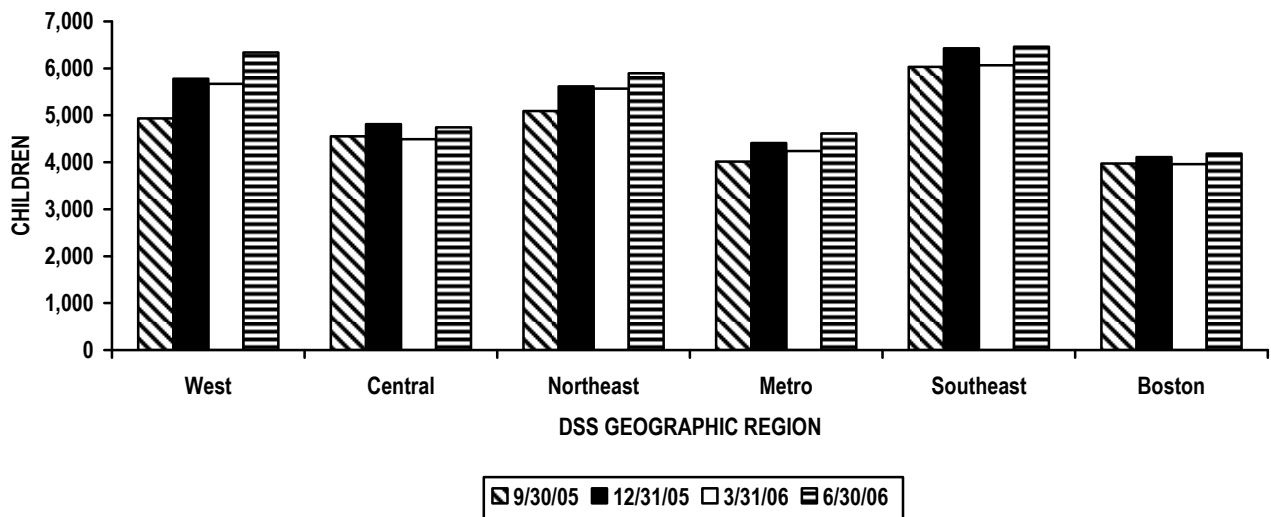
<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

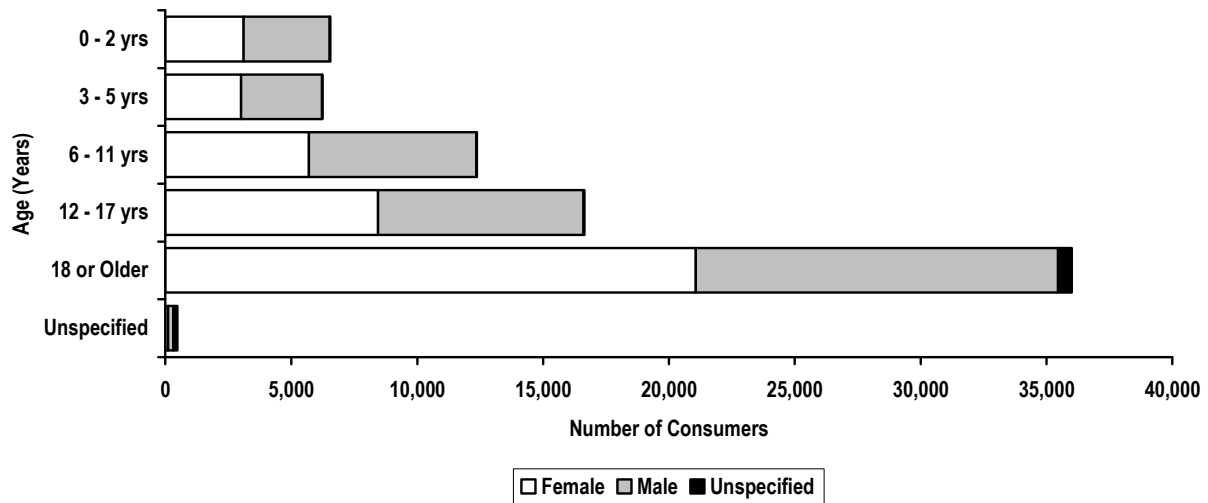
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION**  
 (FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER)



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION**  
 (FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER)



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE  
FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	
0 - 2	3,116	3,406	41	6,563
3 - 5	3,001	3,220	20	6,241
6 - 11	5,696	6,642	41	12,379
12 - 17	8,439	8,157	48	16,644
18 or older	21,072	14,384	553	36,009
Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	109	204	162	475
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,433</b>	<b>36,013</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>78,311</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Unspecified includes 460 adults and 15 children whose ages were unknown and 865 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

Race	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
White	9,015	58%	7,172	65%	7,849	56%	7,110	62%	10,412	63%	2,035	21%	129	52%	4	9%	43,726	56%
Black	1,763	11%	932	8%	1,070	8%	1,791	16%	2,306	14%	4,607	48%	58	23%	31	70%	12,558	16%
Asian	62	*	100	1%	888	6%	209	2%	141	1%	190	2%	2	1%	3	7%	1,595	2%
Native American	19	*	20	*	17	*	9	*	57	*	11	*	1	*	---	---	134	*
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	11	*	3	*	8	*	3	*	10	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	40	*
Multi-Racial	355	2%	264	2%	310	2%	229	2%	431	3%	144	2%	21	8%	---	---	1,754	2%
Unspecified	4,242	27%	2,576	23%	3,863	28%	2,148	19%	3,080	19%	2,550	27%	39	16%	6	14%	18,504	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,467</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,067</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14,005</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,499</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,437</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,542</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>78,311</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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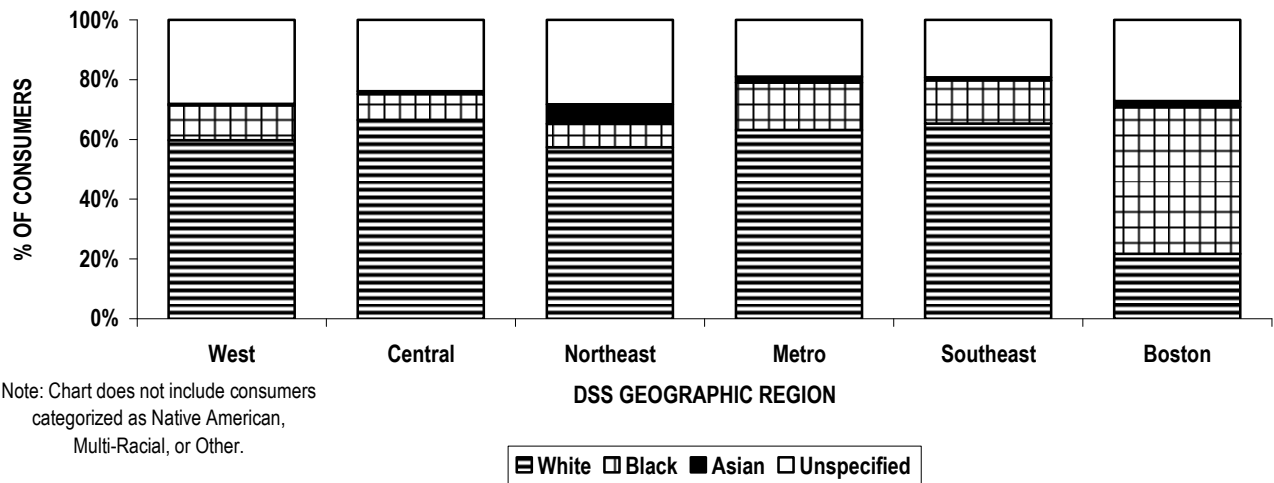
TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

Origin	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	4,706	30%	2,624	24%	4,248	30%	1,668	15%	1,755	11%	2,666	28%	63	25%	3	7%	17,733	23%
Not Hispanic/Latino	7,884	51%	6,744	61%	7,854	56%	7,307	64%	11,126	68%	5,372	56%	175	70%	34	77%	46,496	59%
Unspecified	2,877	19%	1,699	15%	1,903	14%	2,524	22%	3,556	22%	1,504	16%	12	5%	7	16%	14,082	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,467</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,067</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14,005</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,499</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,437</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,542</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>78,311</b>	<b>100%</b>

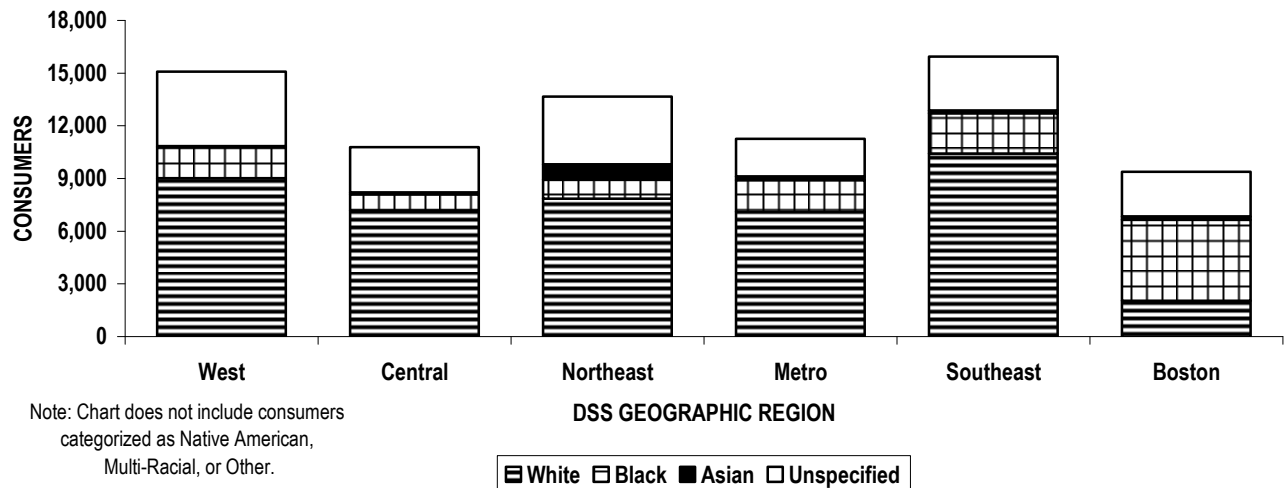
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

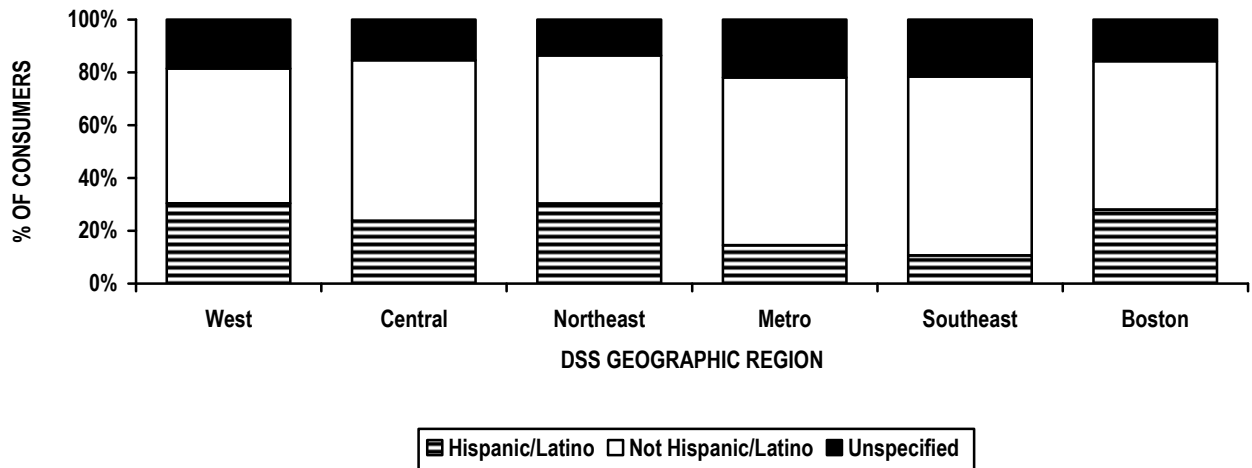
**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'06, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'06, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN**  
**FY'06, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN**  
**FY'06, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**

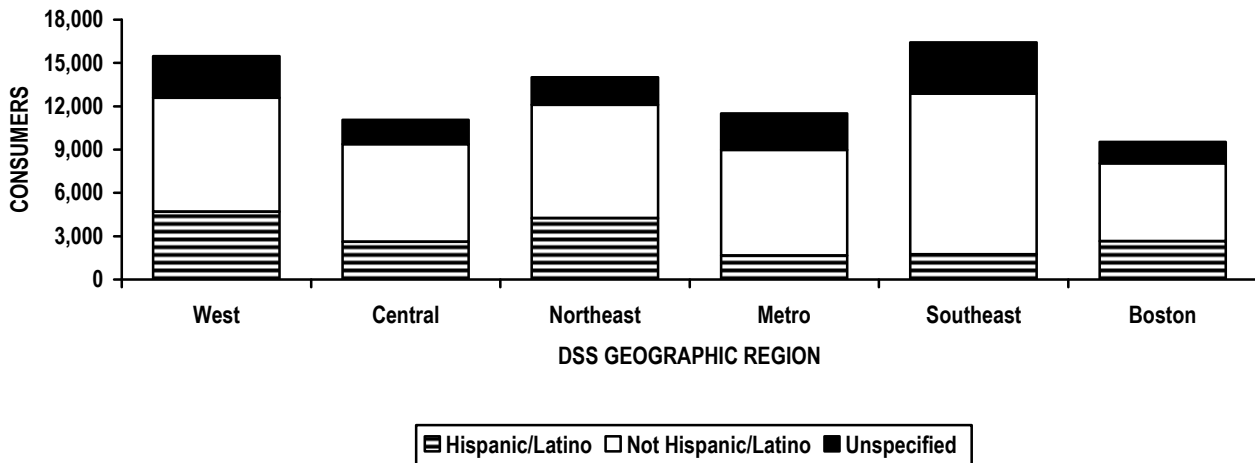




TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

Primary Language	DSS Geographic Region														Adoption		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Spanish	1,164	8%	537	5%	1,177	8%	454	4%	347	2%	787	8%	16	6%	5	11%	4,487	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	4	0%	2	*	305	2%	1	*	60	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	379	*
Portuguese	7	*	23	*	44	*	104	1%	90	1%	32	*	---	---	---	---	300	*
Haitian Creole	---	---	6	*	5	*	159	1%	71	*	74	1%	---	---	---	---	315	*
Cape Verdean Creole	1	*	---	---	---	---	5	*	91	1%	40	*	---	---	---	---	137	*
Vietnamese	11	*	35	*	23	*	13	*	2	*	47	*	---	---	---	---	131	*
Chinese	1	*	7	*	---	---	34	*	1	*	11	*	---	---	3	7%	57	*
Lao	---	---	1	*	23	*	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	26	*
American Sign Lang.	1	*	1	*	9	*	9	*	9	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	35	*
Other	414	3%	239	2%	170	1%	204	2%	365	2%	205	2%	3	1%	15	34%	1,615	2%
English/Unspecified	13,864	90%	10,216	92%	12,249	87%	10,516	91%	15,401	94%	8,331	87%	231	92%	21	48%	70,829	90%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,467</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,067</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14,005</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,499</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,437</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,542</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>78,311</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

## **Profile of Consumers in Placement**<sup>4</sup>

### **Foster and Residential Care**

- There were 7,960 consumers in foster care and 2,385 consumers in residential care on the last day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in residential care was greatest in the Northeastern, Metro, and Southeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (35-39% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 726, 558, and 504, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in residential care, ranging from 66% to 78% across the regions. The Northeastern, Metro, and Southeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in residential care, 363, 346, and 346, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations<sup>5</sup> were primarily adolescents (78-86% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,943 consumers in “Contracted” foster care and 6,017 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Contracted foster care was primarily therapeutic (94% of the consumers). Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (38%), kinship (34%), child specific (12%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (9%). **(Table 5B)**
- Regionally, the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. Consumers in kinship care were highest in the Southeast. The Northeast had the most consumers in independent living. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. The Southeast had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Boston. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in Boston and the Northeast as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**

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<sup>4</sup> Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

<sup>5</sup> “Other” includes non-referral locations like hospitals and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- The major residential programs were residential treatment (1,016 consumers) and group homes (1,269 consumers). (**Table 5C**)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of residential care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential treatment was most significant in the Northeast, Central, and Metro. Shelter children were more prevalent in the Southeast. (**Fig. 8A**)
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Northeast and Metro. The Northeast had the most consumers in residential treatment. The Southeast had the most children in shelters. (**Fig. 8B**)
- Consumers in residential treatment were mostly situated in Chapter 766 facilities<sup>6</sup> while the leading group home model was Regular.<sup>7</sup> (**Table 5C**)
- Over the first three quarters of FY'2006, there were small increases of 1-2% in the foster care population statewide. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, there was no change in the number of children in foster care. Among DSS regions, the timing and magnitude of the changes in their foster care populations did not follow the statewide pattern (**Fig. 9**).
- The residential care population underwent the following quarterly changes: -14%, 10%, -2%, and 4% statewide. All DSS regions showed a decline in their residential care populations during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, but their population fluctuations did not follow the statewide changes over the remaining three quarters (**Fig. 10**). The changes in the residential care population are partly related to the ending of the Commonworks residential care program during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006.

#### **All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)**

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Statewide, 60% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 1% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 4% were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 15% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)

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<sup>6</sup> Chapter 766 includes facilities geared toward children/adolescents who require special needs educational services on-site. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education.

<sup>7</sup> Regular is comprised of programs that provide services in home-like settings with typically 8 to 12 children/adolescents in residence.

- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. **(Table 6A)**
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,723 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Race was unspecified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. **(Table 6A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 45% in both the Southeastern and Western Regions to 50% in the Boston Region. **(Table 6B)**
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 138 in the Central Region to 266 in the Northeastern Region. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (32% of all consumers in placement) and “Adoption” (23%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 39% of the placement population had been in continuous care<sup>8</sup> for more than 2 years, 20% between 1 and 2 years, and 40% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Northeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous<sup>9</sup> care for more than two years (42% in each region). Metro and Central had the highest proportions of consumers in care for one year or less (44% and 43%, respectively). The West and Southeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (952 and 890, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (939). **(Table 6B)**

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<sup>8</sup> Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

<sup>9</sup> Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (June 30, 2006).

- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of minority consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to White consumers (44% for Asian, 43% for Black, 42% for Hispanic vs. 38% for White). **(Tables 7A and 7B)**
- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006 ("snapshot" on 6/30/06), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median<sup>10</sup> age was 12.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Over the past 15 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable (See table below).

<b>All Children in Placement<sup>11</sup></b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98*	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99*	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00*	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01*	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
6/05	12.6	1.4	9,474
9/05	12.3	1.3	9,220
12/05	12.7	1.3	9,451
3/06	12.6	1.3	9,481
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,586

\*= revised statistics

<sup>10</sup> Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

<sup>11</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

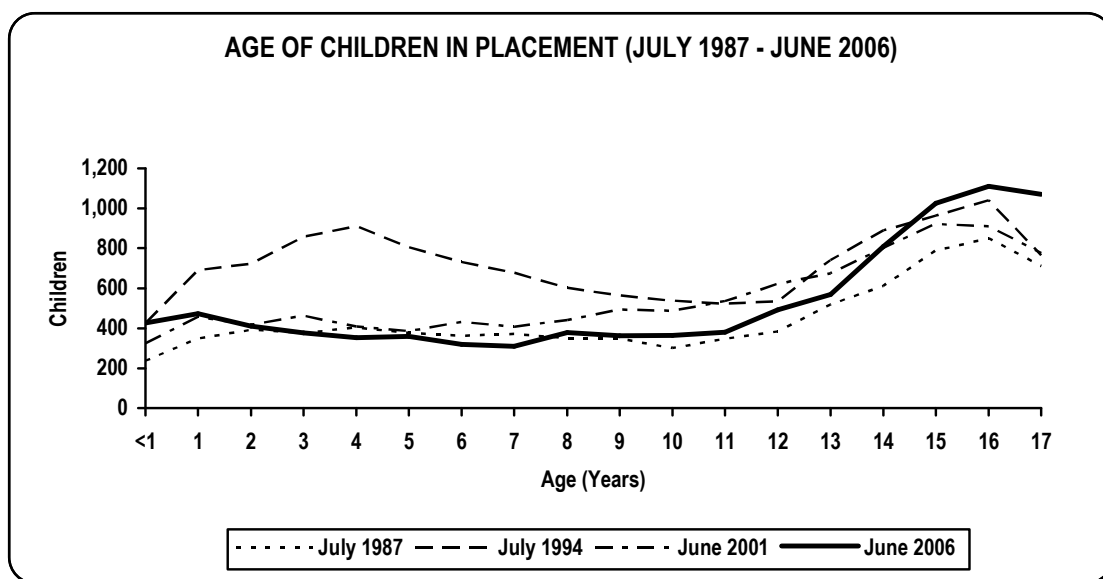
- A racial and Hispanic origin breakdown of children in placement is presented in the following table. Minority children tend to be older and spend a slightly longer length of time in placement.

<b>All Children in Placement<sup>12</sup> on 6/30/06</b>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
White	12.6	1.2	5,747
Black	13.5	1.3	1,803
Asian	15.0	1.4	131
Native American	15.2	1.7	20
Pacific Islander	15.7	0.4	7
Multi-Racial	7.9	1.2	419
Unknown	11.8	1.1	1,459
<b>TOTAL</b>	12.6	1.2	9,586
Hispanic Origin <sup>13</sup>	12.4	1.3	2,470

- The figure on the next page shows the ages of children in placement at four points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2001-2006, the age distribution of children in placement dropped to level that approaches the 1987 curve. Throughout this 20 year period, the adolescent population was relatively stable. However, there has been some noticeable growth from 2001 to 2006 in the number of teens 15-17 years old. It should be noted that the total number of children in care (less than 18 years old) at each point in time was 8,078 in 1987, 12,977 in 1994, 9,732 in 2001, and 9,586 in 2006.

<sup>12</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

<sup>13</sup> Children of any race who are Hispanic



### Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,486 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,486 (60%) were White, 412 (17%) were Black, 19 (1%) were Asian, and 155 (6%) were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 16%. Twenty-eight percent (692) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. **(Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A)**
- The age distribution of 2,486 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 25% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 37% age 6-11 years, and 15% age 12-17 years. **(Table 8C, Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-three percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 47% were female. **(Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D, Fig. 12A)**
- Forty-two percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D)**

- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>14</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 26%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864*	28%
6/04	9,829	2,761*	28%
6/05	9,474	2,569	27%
9/05	9,220	2,597	28%
12/05	9,451	2,560	27%
3/06	9,481	2,530	27%
6/06	9,586	2,481	26%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

\* = revised statistics

<sup>14</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.



- Of the 2,486 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 47% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-three percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- The age distribution for consumers legally free for adoption was similar to the age group distribution for all consumers with a goal of adoption (See below and Fig. 12A). However, there does appear to be a slight tendency for older children to be freed. A bias toward older children may be a reflection of the time required to terminate parental rights – the more time it takes to free a child, the older the child is when freed.

Age Group (years)	Children Legally Free for Adoption		All Children with a Goal of Adoption	
	No.	%	No.	%
0 – 2	278	24%	619	25%
3 – 5	253	22%	562	23%
6 – 11	427	36%	923	37%
12 – 17	212	18%	377	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. All children 18 years or older are free for adoption.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (53%), 69% were matched to permanent families **(Fig. 12B)**.
- The Boston and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions (64% and 60%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Western and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family, 88% and 79%, respectively. **(Figs. 12C and 12D)**

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

		Placement Location of Consumers						
DSS Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care		Residential Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total No.
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		1,936		290		138		2,364
	( 0-2yrs)	312	16%	---	---	1	1%	313
	( 3-5yrs)	280	14%	1	*	2	1%	283
	( 6-11yrs)	456	24%	35	12%	12	9%	503
	(12-17yrs)	726	38%	225	78%	118	86%	1,069
	18 or older	162	8%	29	10%	5	4%	196
Central		1,002		321		54		1,377
	( 0-2yrs)	167	17%	---	---	---	---	167
	( 3-5yrs)	145	14%	4	1%	---	---	149
	( 6-11yrs)	230	23%	51	16%	5	9%	286
	(12-17yrs)	356	36%	237	74%	44	81%	637
	18 or older	104	10%	29	9%	5	9%	138
Northeast		1,352		493		100		1,945
	( 0-2yrs)	199	15%	---	---	1	1%	200
	( 3-5yrs)	151	11%	1	*	3	3%	155
	( 6-11yrs)	308	23%	58	12%	7	7%	373
	(12-17yrs)	504	37%	363	74%	84	84%	951
	18 or older	190	14%	71	14%	5	5%	266
Metro		975		469		58		1,502
	( 0-2yrs)	160	16%	2	*	1	2%	163
	( 3-5yrs)	115	12%	2	*	---	---	117
	( 6-11yrs)	216	22%	49	10%	7	12%	272
	(12-17yrs)	347	36%	346	74%	47	81%	740
	18 or older	137	14%	70	15%	3	5%	210
Southeast		1,615		462		101		2,178
	( 0-2yrs)	306	19%	1	*	1	1%	308
	( 3-5yrs)	221	14%	4	1%	---	---	225
	( 6-11yrs)	338	21%	56	12%	12	12%	406
	(12-17yrs)	558	35%	346	75%	79	78%	983
	18 or older	192	12%	55	12%	9	9%	256
Boston		818		346		105		1,269
	( 0-2yrs)	133	16%	---	---	1	1%	134
	( 3-5yrs)	95	12%	2	1%	---	---	97
	( 6-11yrs)	127	16%	38	11%	9	9%	174
	(12-17yrs)	321	39%	227	66%	85	81%	633
	18 or older	142	17%	79	23%	10	10%	231
Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>		228		4		3		235
	( 0-2yrs)	26	11%	---	---	---	---	26
	( 3-5yrs)	60	26%	2	50%	---	---	62
	( 6-11yrs)	95	42%	1	25%	3	100%	99
	(12-17yrs)	47	21%	1	25%	---	---	48
Other <sup>(4)</sup>		34		---	---	---	---	34
	( 6-11yrs)	1	3%	---	---	---	---	1
	(12-17yrs)	12	35%	---	---	---	---	12
	18 or older	21	62%	---	---	---	---	21
Total		7,960		2,385		559		10,904

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

DSS Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care													Foster Care Total
		Contracted Foster Care							Departmental Foster Care						
		Diagnostic	Emergency Shelter	Enhanced Therapeutic	Family Residence	Independent Living	Other	Therapeutic	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted		
Western		5	16	2	11	14	---	436	176	89	408	144	635	1,936	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	12	19	---	88	56	136	312	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	3	1	---	---	---	12	21	---	91	38	114	280	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	1	6	1	1	---	---	94	44	---	119	40	150	456	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	4	6	---	10	1	---	288	80	8	98	9	222	726	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	13	---	30	12	81	12	1	13	162	
Central		---	3	---	---	---	1	249	89	44	250	60	306	1,002	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	5	---	46	20	88	167	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	14	6	---	51	22	52	145	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	48	27	---	62	16	77	230	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	3	---	---	---	---	153	39	---	83	2	76	356	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	1	26	12	44	8	---	13	104	
Northeast		2	5	1	5	---	13	353	113	136	360	30	334	1,352	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	33	13	---	56	10	85	199	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	20	8	---	66	6	50	151	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	72	34	---	121	11	69	308	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	3	1	5	---	5	203	52	5	112	3	115	504	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	8	25	6	131	5	---	15	190	
Metro		---	6	2	6	1	---	214	98	73	273	50	252	975	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	10	8	---	61	20	60	160	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	12	---	39	15	36	115	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	3	1	1	---	---	58	16	---	84	10	43	216	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	1	5	1	---	120	46	---	78	5	90	347	
	18 or older	---	1	---	---	---	---	13	16	73	11	---	23	137	
Southeast		---	10	1	3	---	---	303	143	118	488	54	495	1,615	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	15	---	100	26	155	306	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	15	11	---	85	13	96	221	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	54	33	---	140	12	97	338	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	8	---	2	---	---	192	69	3	147	3	134	558	
	18 or older	---	---	---	1	---	---	32	15	115	16	---	13	192	
Boston		---	12	1	2	---	---	212	85	87	199	31	189	818	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	16	11	---	45	15	45	133	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	14	12	---	34	9	26	95	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	1	---	---	37	17	---	47	5	19	127	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	12	---	---	---	---	124	36	---	63	2	84	321	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	9	87	10	---	15	142	
Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>		---	---	---	---	---	---	54	30	---	46	41	57	228	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	11	6	6	26	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	7	---	16	10	19	60	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	27	11	---	16	18	23	95	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	19	9	---	3	7	9	47	
Other <sup>(3)</sup>		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	9	2	---	20	34	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	1	---	8	12	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	1	---	11	21	
Total		7	52	7	27	15	14	1,821	737	556	2,026	410	2,288	7,960	

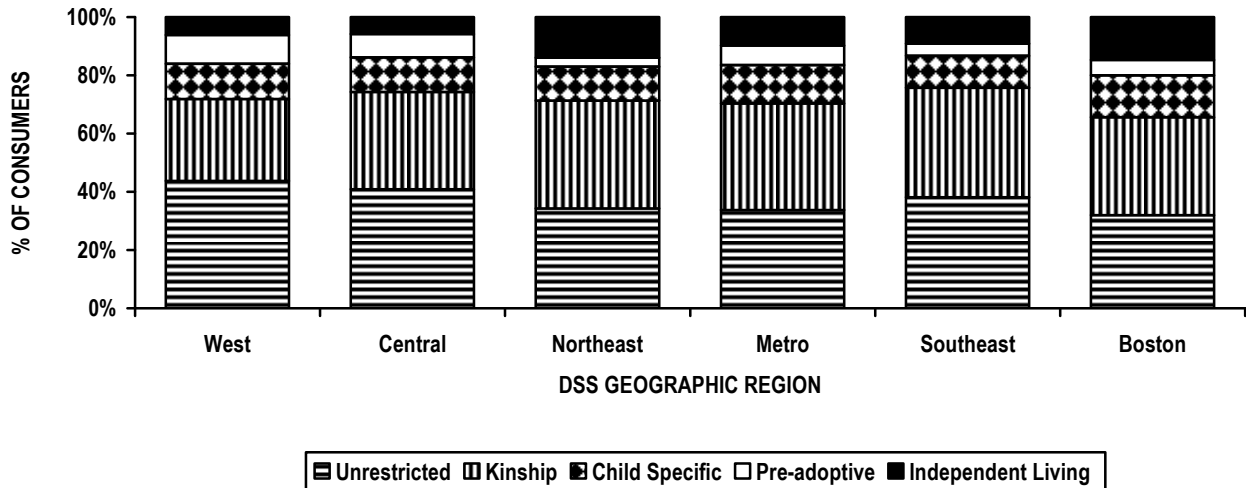
<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

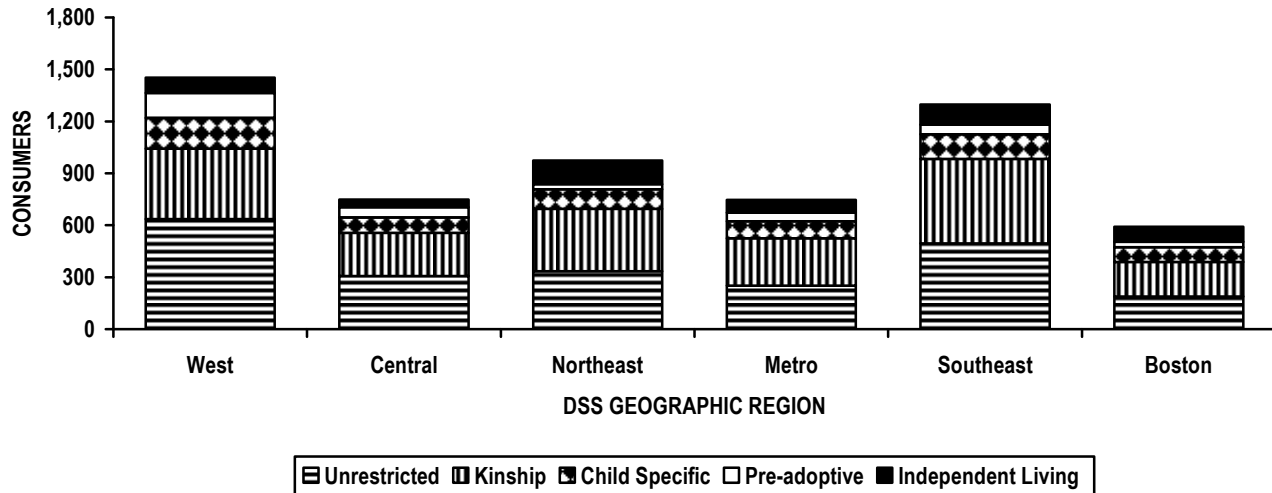
DSS Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Residential Care											Residential Care Total
		Group Home						Residential Treatment				Shelter	
		Bridge Home	Independent Living	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Regular	Teen Pregnancy/ Parenting	Transitional Living	Ch. 766	Diagnostic	Non-766	Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
<b>Western</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>290</b>
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	6	---	---	8	---	---	19	1	---	1	---	35
	(12 - 17 yrs)	12	1	5	113	2	---	61	4	1	8	18	225
	18 or older	---	2	2	13	1	---	11	---	---	---	---	29
<b>Central</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>321</b>
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	2	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	8	---	---	5	---	---	26	4	---	8	---	51
	(12 - 17 yrs)	9	5	---	75	3	---	102	14	14	6	9	237
	18 or older	---	2	---	12	1	---	9	1	---	3	1	29
<b>Northeast</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>493</b>
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	7	---	---	11	---	---	30	3	---	7	---	58
	(12 - 17 yrs)	5	17	---	110	---	---	161	49	1	18	2	363
	18 or older	---	25	---	15	---	---	28	---	---	3	---	71
<b>Metro</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>469</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	2
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	5	---	---	5	---	---	35	2	---	2	---	49
	(12 - 17 yrs)	8	10	---	111	2	1	145	30	10	16	13	346
	18 or older	---	31	1	12	1	2	21	1	---	1	---	70
<b>Southeast</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>462</b>
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	4
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	6	---	---	15	---	---	30	4	---	1	---	56
	(12 - 17 yrs)	6	7	---	90	5	---	158	23	1	9	47	346
	18 or older	---	12	---	11	4	---	23	---	---	4	1	55
<b>Boston</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>346</b>
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	9	---	---	12	---	---	16	---	---	1	---	38
	(12 - 17 yrs)	8	9	---	86	7	---	96	8	---	4	9	227
	18 or older	---	31	1	15	1	---	25	---	---	6	---	79
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>		<b>4</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>4</b>
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>101</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,385</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(2)</sup> Sites/facilities that differ from the other types of group homes or residential treatment facilities.

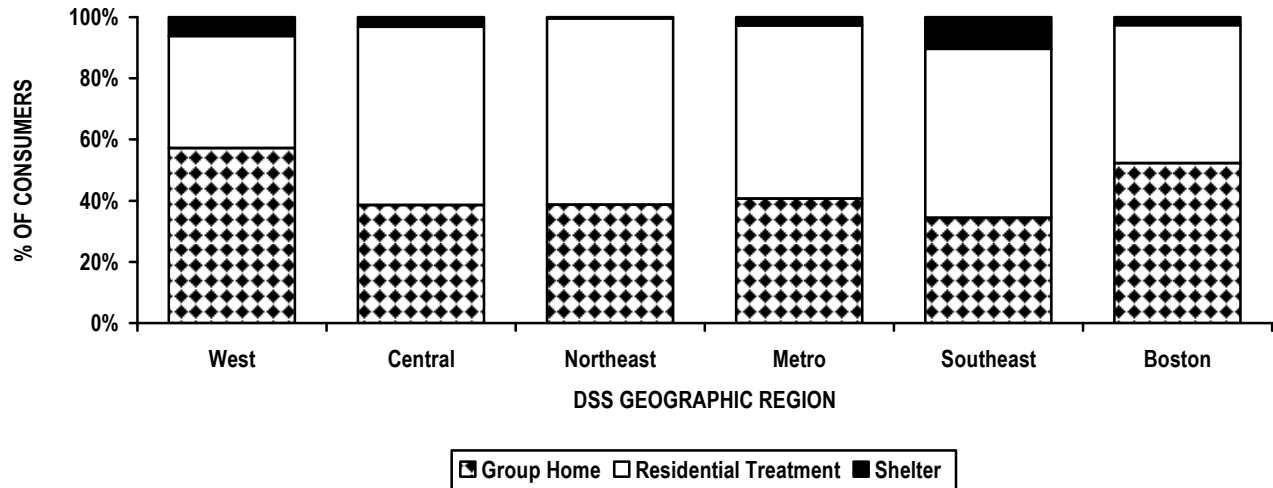
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



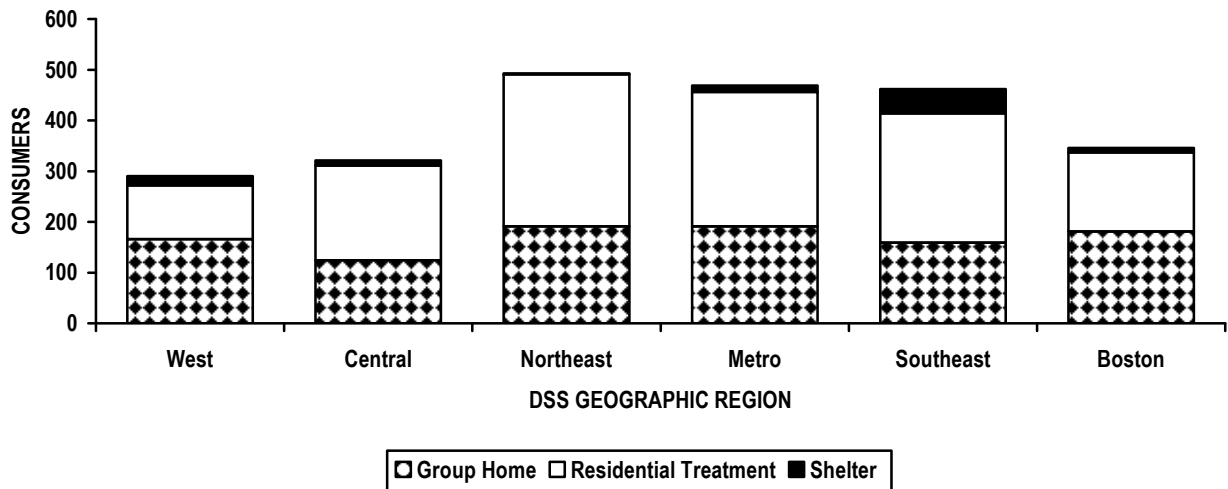
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



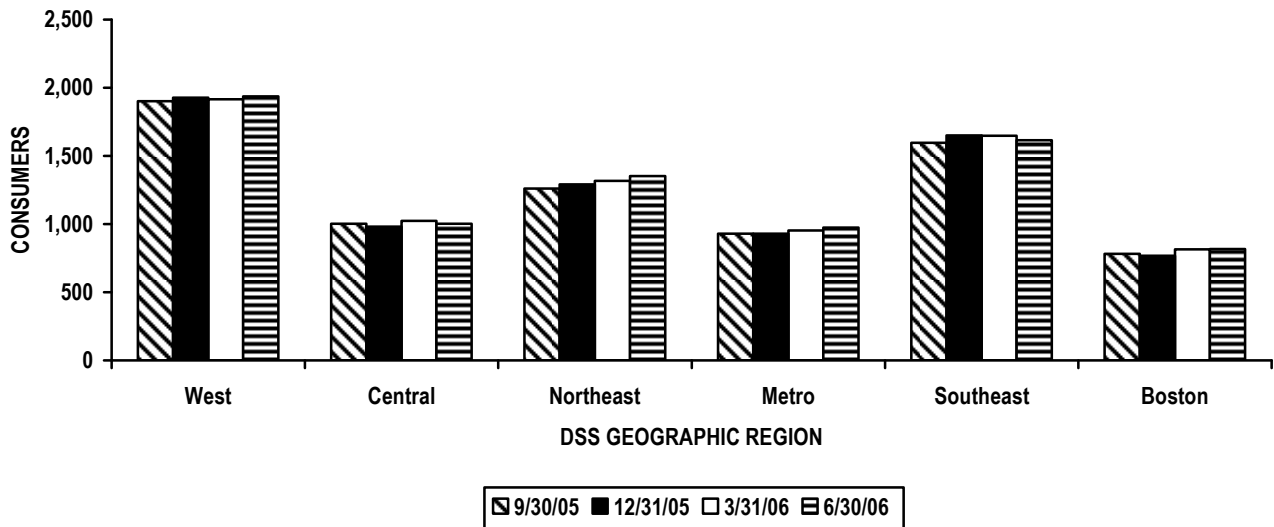
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION**  
**(FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY DSS REGION**  
**(FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER)**

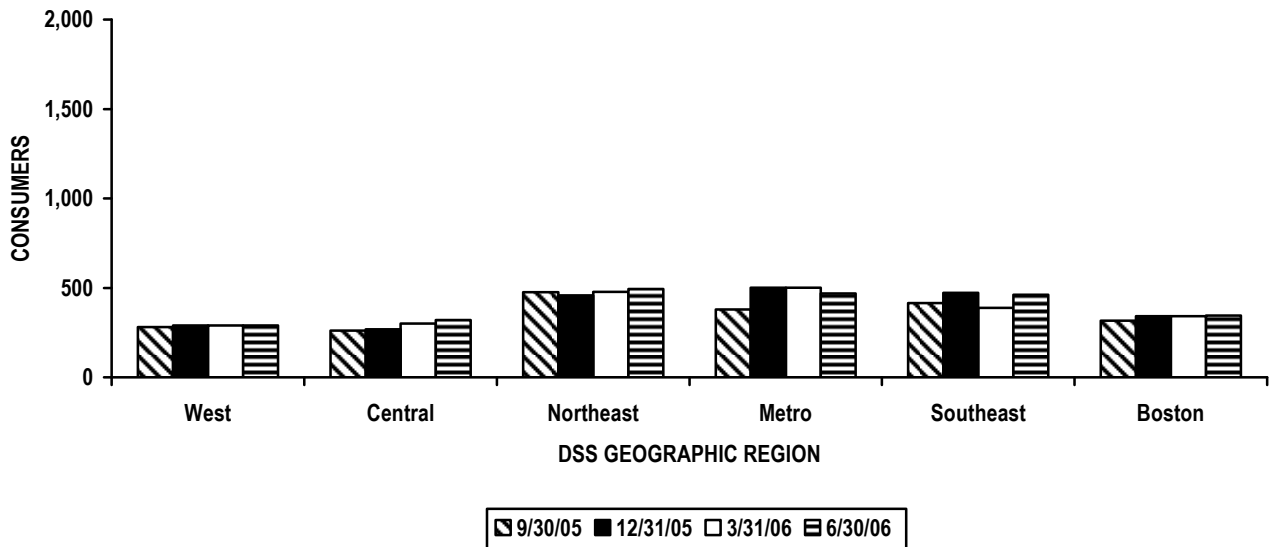


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE: FY2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Sex:</b>																		
Female	1,142	48%	658	48%	940	48%	741	49%	1,060	49%	638	50%	113	48%	11	32%	5,303	49%
Male	1,222	52%	719	52%	1,005	52%	761	51%	1,118	51%	631	50%	122	52%	23	68%	5,601	51%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,178</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,904</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Race:</b>																		
White	1,521	64%	940	68%	1,180	61%	995	66%	1,453	67%	311	25%	119	51%	1	3%	6,520	60%
Black	321	14%	169	12%	204	10%	278	19%	386	18%	717	57%	54	23%	26	76%	2,155	20%
Asian	9	*	13	1%	90	5%	21	1%	14	1%	11	1%	1	*	3	9%	162	1%
Native American	5	*	1	*	2	*	1	*	9	*	2	*	1	*	---	---	21	*
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	4	*	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	*
Multi-Racial	90	4%	55	4%	76	4%	60	4%	115	5%	30	2%	21	9%	---	---	447	4%
Unspecified	414	18%	197	14%	393	20%	146	10%	201	9%	198	16%	39	17%	4	12%	1,592	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,178</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,904</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Hispanic/Latino Origin:</b>																		
Hispanic/Latino	863	37%	344	25%	637	33%	236	16%	276	13%	302	24%	63	27%	2	6%	2,723	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,380	58%	961	70%	1,241	64%	1,193	79%	1,788	82%	914	72%	160	68%	26	76%	7,663	70%
Unspecified	121	5%	72	5%	67	3%	73	5%	114	5%	53	4%	12	5%	6	18%	518	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,178</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,904</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.



TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE:  
FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:																		
( 0 - 2 yrs)	313	13%	167	12%	200	10%	163	11%	308	14%	134	11%	26	11%	---	---	1,311	12%
( 3 - 5 yrs)	283	12%	149	11%	155	8%	117	8%	225	10%	97	8%	62	26%	---	---	1,088	10%
( 6 - 11 yrs)	503	21%	286	21%	373	19%	272	18%	406	19%	174	14%	99	42%	1	3%	2,114	19%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,069	45%	637	46%	951	49%	740	49%	983	45%	633	50%	48	20%	12	35%	5,073	47%
18 or older	196	8%	138	10%	266	14%	210	14%	256	12%	231	18%	---	---	21	62%	1,318	12%
Total	2,364	100%	1,377	100%	1,945	100%	1,502	100%	2,178	100%	1,269	100%	235	100%	34	100%	10,904	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Reunify Family	685	29%	470	34%	655	34%	515	34%	767	35%	353	28%	2	1%	---	---	3,447	32%
Adoption	605	26%	351	25%	370	19%	248	17%	453	21%	235	19%	224	95%	---	---	2,486	23%
Living Independently	401	17%	216	16%	366	19%	313	21%	433	20%	355	28%	---	---	25	74%	2,109	19%
Long-Term Substitute Care	316	13%	160	12%	296	15%	199	13%	231	11%	124	10%	---	---	2	6%	1,328	12%
Stabilize Intact Family	133	6%	64	5%	124	6%	73	5%	91	4%	62	5%	---	---	---	---	547	5%
Guardianship	122	5%	76	6%	57	3%	75	5%	123	6%	62	5%	7	3%	---	---	522	5%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	59	2%	27	2%	55	3%	48	3%	73	3%	63	5%	2	1%	---	---	327	3%
Unspecified	43	2%	13	1%	22	1%	31	2%	7	*	15	1%	---	---	7	21%	138	1%
Total	2,364	100%	1,377	100%	1,945	100%	1,502	100%	2,178	100%	1,269	100%	235	100%	34	100%	10,904	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	554	23%	368	27%	491	25%	419	28%	516	24%	305	24%	12	5%	1	3%	2,666	24%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	398	17%	215	16%	293	15%	237	16%	374	17%	176	14%	8	3%	2	6%	1,703	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	261	11%	159	12%	208	11%	169	11%	281	13%	144	11%	23	10%	3	9%	1,248	11%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	212	9%	118	9%	150	8%	149	10%	223	10%	110	9%	38	16%	10	29%	1,010	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	456	19%	288	21%	363	19%	297	20%	416	19%	258	20%	103	44%	5	15%	2,186	20%
> 4 yrs	483	20%	229	17%	440	23%	231	15%	368	17%	276	22%	51	22%	13	38%	2,091	19%
Total	2,364	100%	1,377	100%	1,945	100%	1,502	100%	2,178	100%	1,269	100%	235	100%	34	100%	10,904	100%

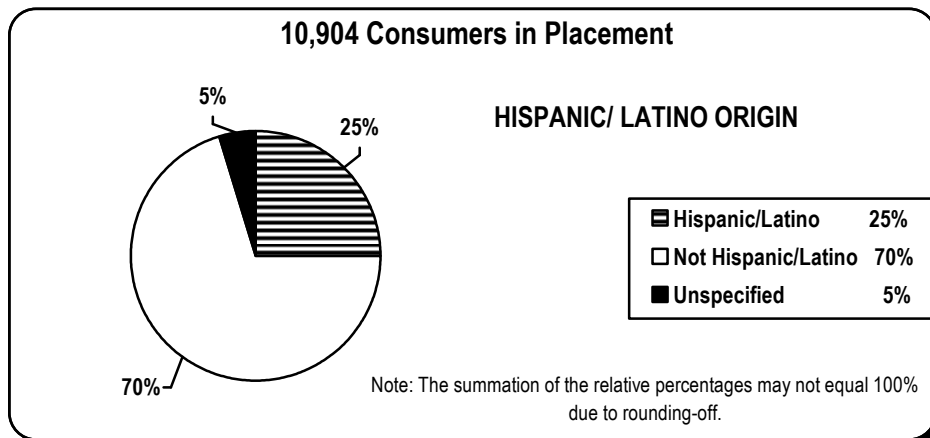
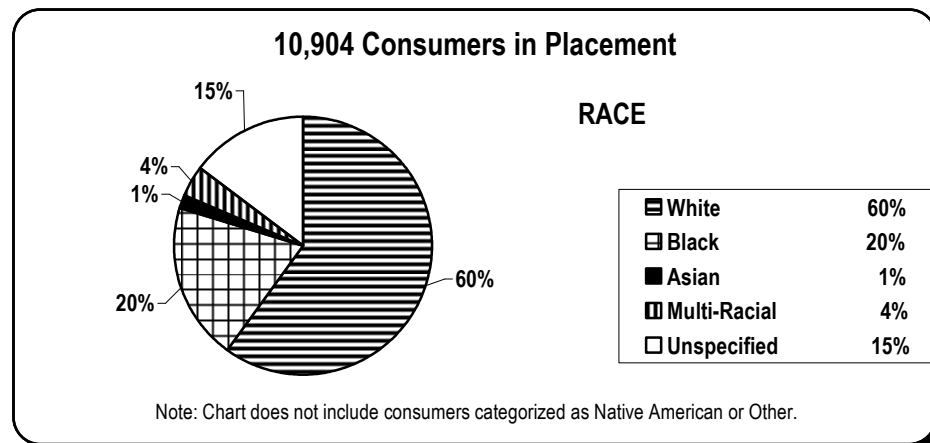
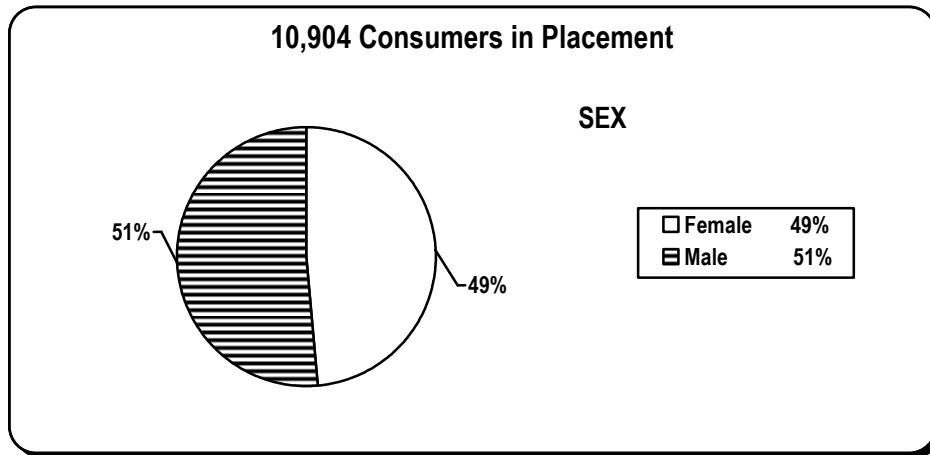
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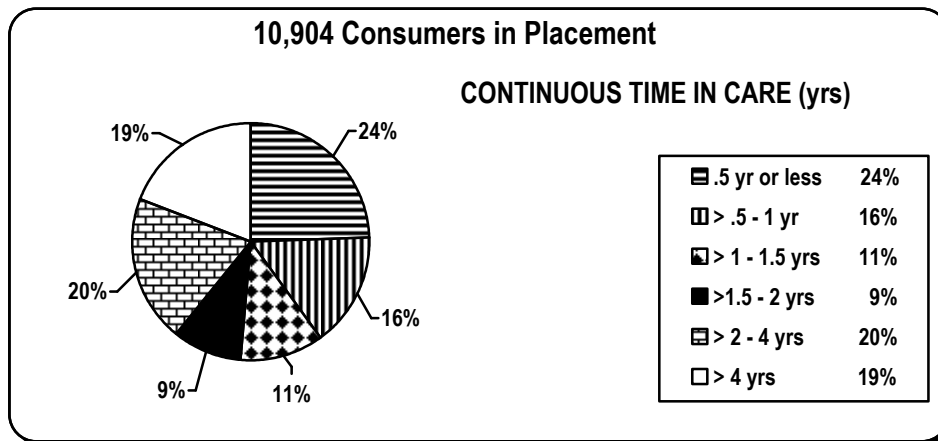
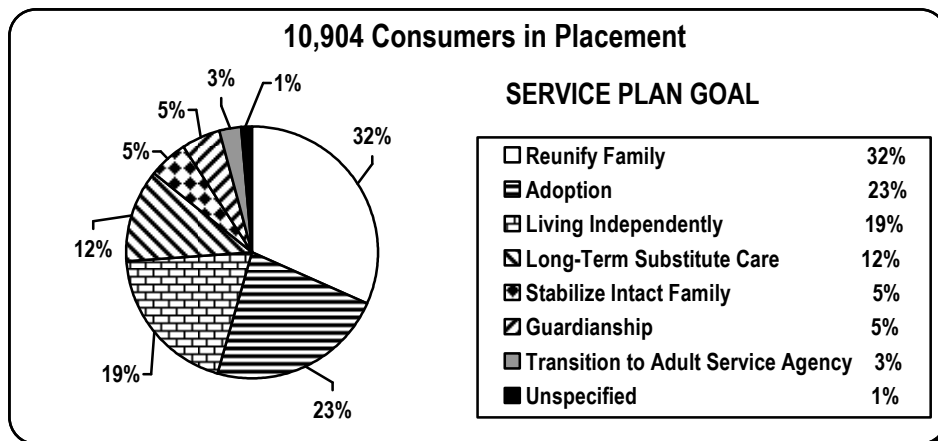
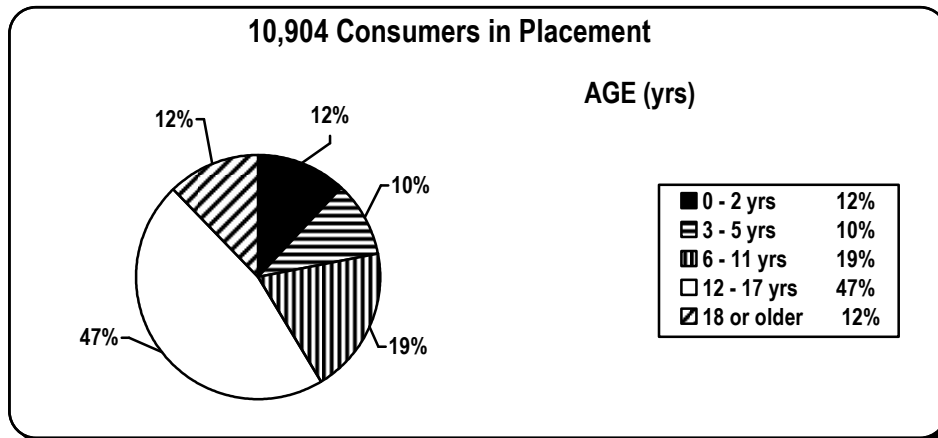
<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN  
STATEWIDE: FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,  
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
STATEWIDE: FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(1)</sup>		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,584	24%	479	22%	39	24%	2	10%	4	57%	112	25%	446	28%	2,666	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,048	16%	306	14%	26	16%	5	24%	1	14%	77	17%	240	15%	1,703	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	752	12%	247	11%	14	9%	2	10%	---	---	63	14%	170	11%	1,248	11%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	627	10%	191	9%	12	7%	4	19%	---	---	50	11%	126	8%	1,010	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,319	20%	432	20%	29	18%	6	29%	---	---	88	20%	312	20%	2,186	20%
> 4yrs	1,190	18%	500	23%	42	26%	2	10%	2	29%	57	13%	298	19%	2,091	19%
Total	6,520	100%	2,155	100%	162	100%	21	100%	7	100%	447	100%	1,592	100%	10,904	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE  
FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin <sup>(1)</sup> of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/		Not Hispanic/		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	673	25%	1,853	24%	140	27%	2,666	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	402	15%	1,208	16%	93	18%	1,703	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	299	11%	880	11%	69	13%	1,248	11%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	212	8%	744	10%	54	10%	1,010	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	563	21%	1,538	20%	85	16%	2,186	20%
> 4yrs	574	21%	1,440	19%	77	15%	2,091	19%
Total	2,723	100%	7,663	100%	518	100%	10,904	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(1)</sup>		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	2,100	61%	604	18%	54	2%	7	*	5	*	145	4%	532	15%	3,447	100%
Adoption	1,486	60%	412	17%	19	1%	3	*	1	*	155	6%	410	16%	2,486	100%
Living Independently	1,218	58%	561	27%	43	2%	6	*	1	*	47	2%	233	11%	2,109	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	788	59%	287	22%	21	2%	2	*	---	---	46	3%	184	14%	1,328	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	326	60%	96	18%	10	2%	1	*	---	---	22	4%	92	17%	547	100%
Guardianship	321	61%	107	20%	7	1%	2	*	---	---	22	4%	63	12%	522	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	217	66%	67	20%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	5	2%	35	11%	327	100%
Unspecified	64	46%	21	15%	5	4%	---	---	---	---	5	4%	43	31%	138	100%
Total	6,520	60%	2,155	20%	162	1%	21	*	7	*	447	4%	1,592	15%	10,904	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin <sup>(1)</sup> of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	857	25%	2,438	71%	152	4%	3,447	100%
Adoption	692	28%	1,636	66%	158	6%	2,486	100%
Living Independently	433	21%	1,597	76%	79	4%	2,109	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	372	28%	905	68%	51	4%	1,328	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	157	29%	367	67%	23	4%	547	100%
Guardianship	106	20%	386	74%	30	6%	522	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	71	22%	251	77%	5	*	327	100%
Unspecified	35	25%	83	60%	20	14%	138	100%
Total	2,723	25%	7,663	70%	518	5%	10,904	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

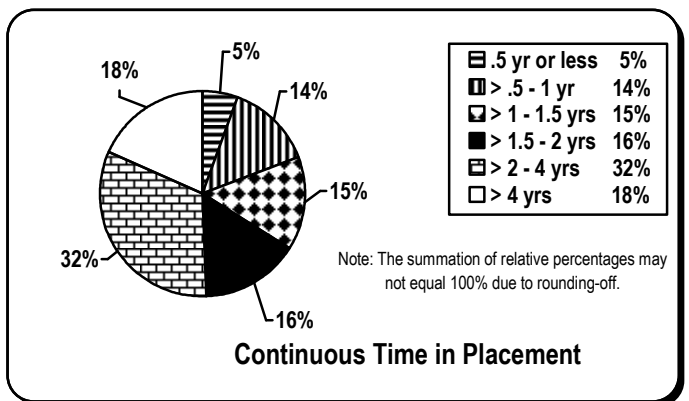
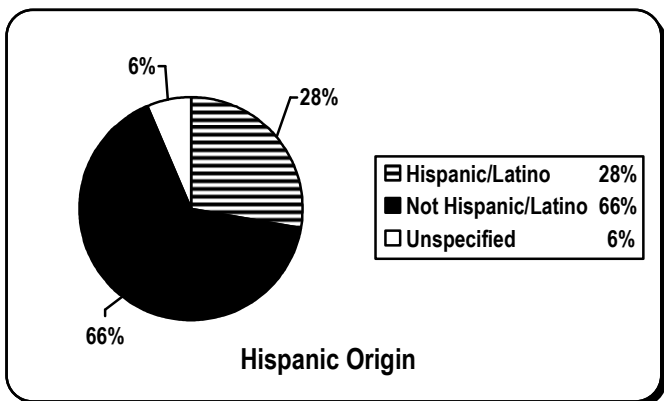
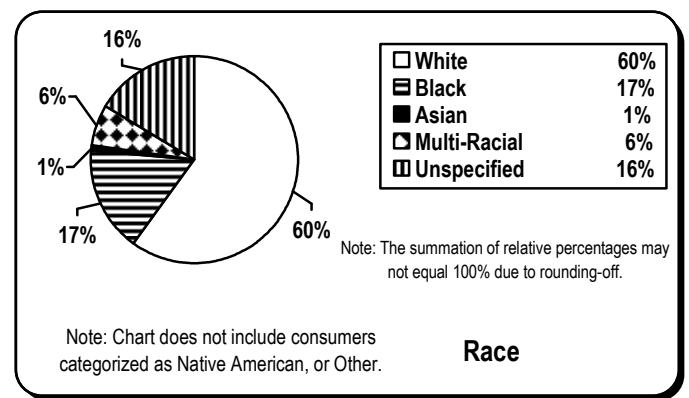
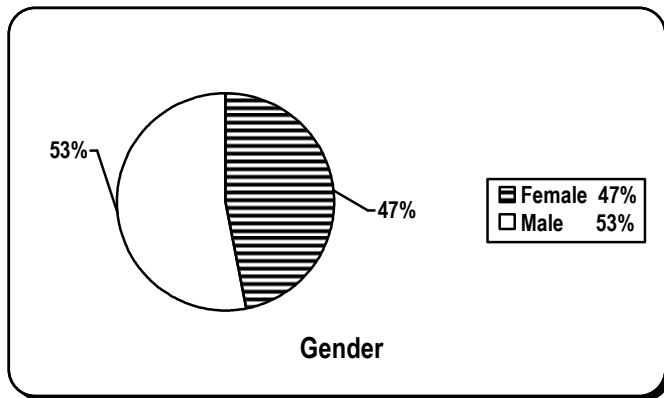
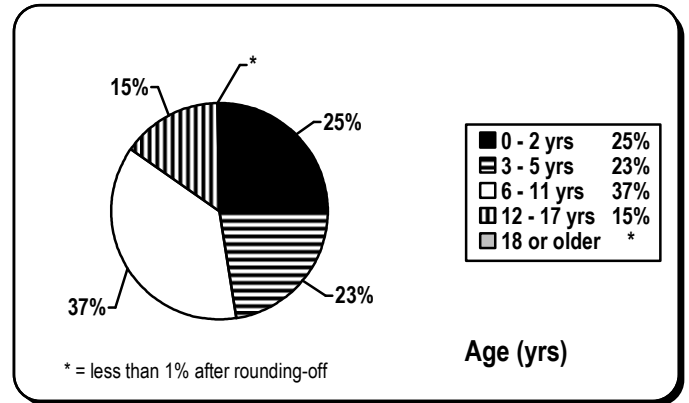
TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	560	16%	421	12%	762	22%	1,689	49%	15	*	3,447	100%
Adoption	619	25%	562	23%	923	37%	377	15%	5	*	2,486	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,071	51%	1,038	49%	2,109	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	2	*	4	*	137	10%	1,142	86%	43	3%	1,328	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	57	10%	42	8%	92	17%	338	62%	18	3%	547	100%
Guardianship	28	5%	44	8%	175	34%	271	52%	4	1%	522	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	---	---	---	---	9	3%	128	39%	190	58%	327	100%
Unspecified	45	33%	15	11%	16	12%	57	41%	5	4%	138	100%
Total	1,311	12%	1,088	10%	2,114	19%	5,073	47%	1,318	12%	10,904	100%

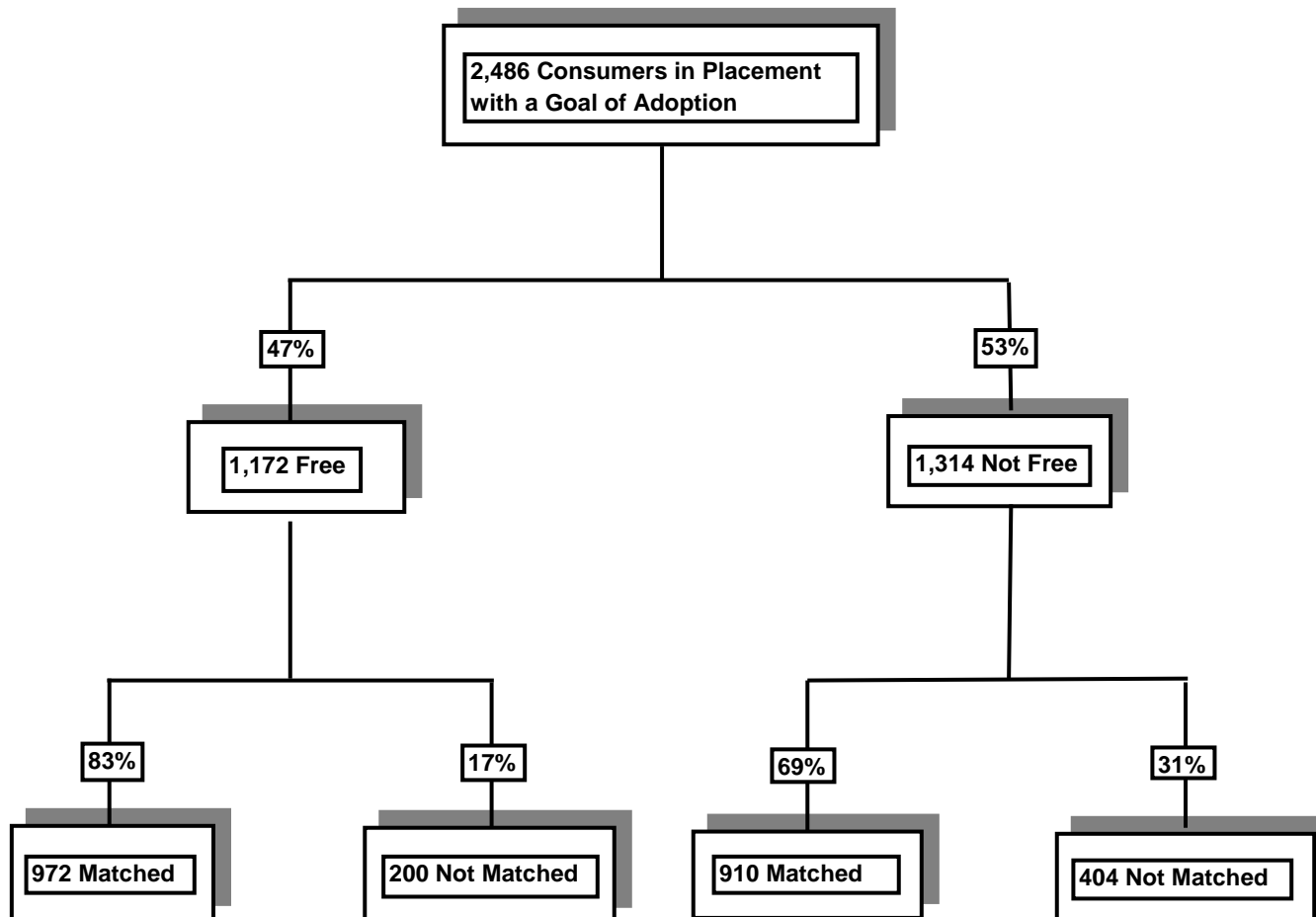
TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total			
	(.5yr or less		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)				> 4 yrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	1,682	49%	938	27%	406	12%	182	5%	197	6%	42	1%	3,447	100%
Adoption	136	5%	338	14%	371	15%	386	16%	801	32%	454	18%	2,486	100%
Living Independently	141	7%	182	9%	169	8%	203	10%	599	28%	815	39%	2,109	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	94	7%	81	6%	155	12%	119	9%	374	28%	505	38%	1,328	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	428	78%	64	12%	25	5%	8	1%	17	3%	5	1%	547	100%
Guardianship	37	7%	78	15%	106	20%	82	16%	139	27%	80	15%	522	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	19	6%	17	5%	15	5%	27	8%	59	18%	190	58%	327	100%
Unspecified	129	93%	5	4%	1	*	3	2%	---	---	---	---	138	100%
Total	2,666	24%	1,703	16%	1,248	11%	1,010	9%	2,186	20%	2,091	19%	10,904	100%

**Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement  
of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption  
FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



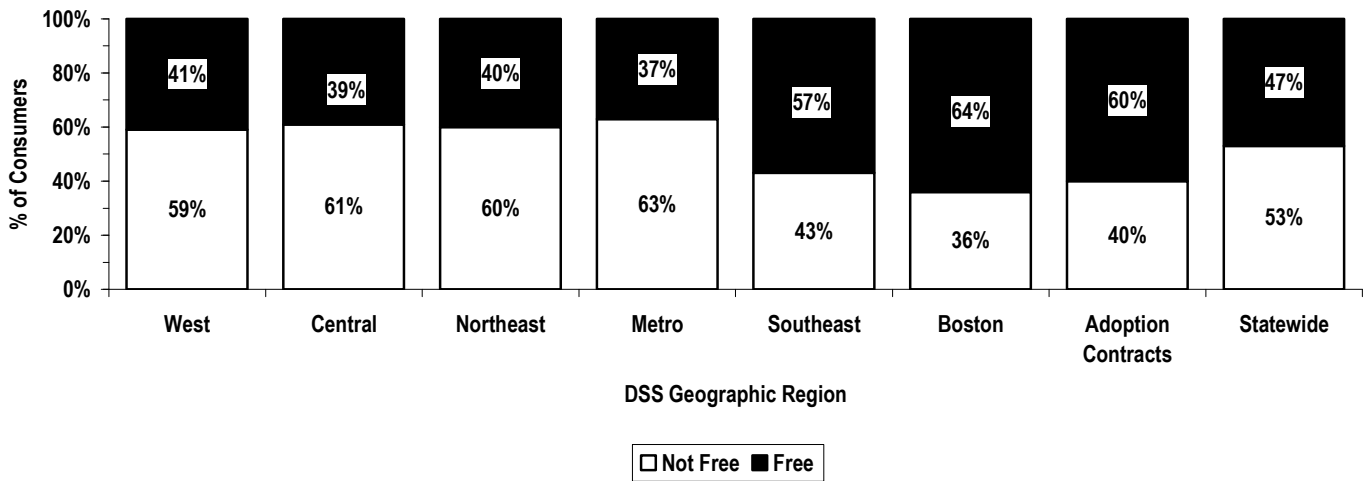
**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:  
Legal Status and Match Status  
FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



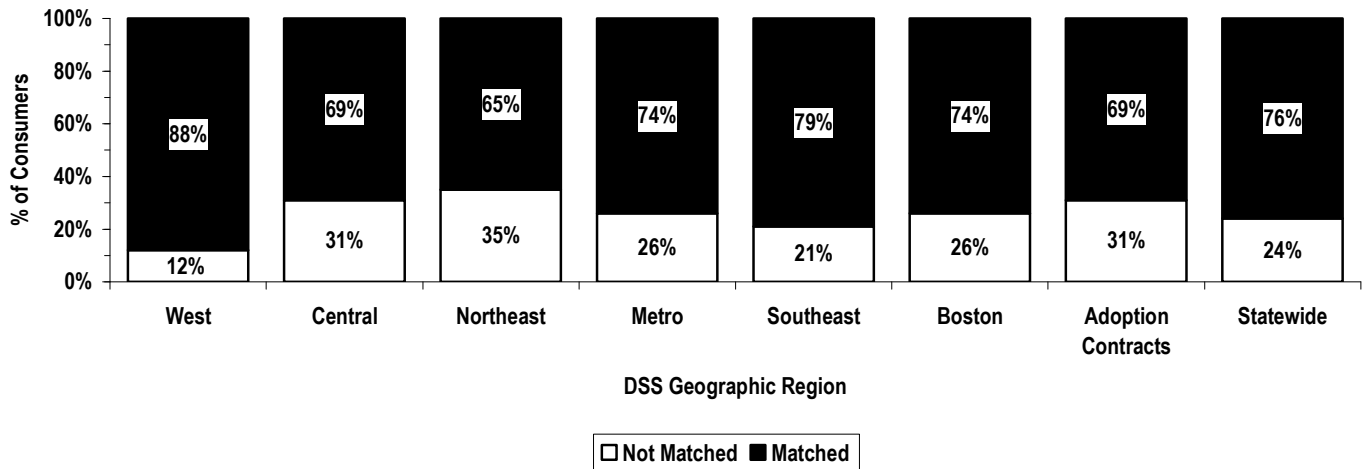
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status  
FY'06, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**



**FIGURE 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption  
and Whether Matched to a Permanent Family  
FY'06, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06)**





### **Case Intakes (Openings)**

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, there were 4,091 case openings (unduplicated) and 16,933 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Eighty-two percent of case intakes and 86% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 8% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- CHINS referrals amounted to 7% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 80-90% of the total intakes for each region. Boston and the Southeastern Regions had the largest proportions of CHINS referrals (11% and 9%, respectively). Voluntary requests were most significant in the Metro (13%) and Central (10%) Regions. **(Fig. 13, Table 9A)**
- The regional counts of CHINS referrals ranged from 25 (Metro) to 80 (Southeast). Voluntary requests were highest in Metro (86 case openings). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West and Southeast. The West and Southeast had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006 (See Table 14 on page 51). **(Table 9A)**
- Statewide and regionally, case openings are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. **(Fig. 14)**. This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year **(Figs. 20 and 21 on page 53)**.

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**

DSS Geographic Region	Case Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Unspecified		
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Western	726	90%	44	5%	23	3%	15	2%	2	*	810
Central	439	81%	34	6%	55	10%	11	2%	---	---	539
Northeast	539	80%	57	8%	56	8%	22	3%	---	---	674
Metro	541	82%	25	4%	86	13%	7	1%	1	*	660
Southeast	702	80%	80	9%	57	6%	37	4%	2	*	878
Boston	451	80%	64	11%	36	6%	11	2%	---	---	562
Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	3,399	82%	304	7%	313	8%	103	2%	5	*	4,124

<sup>(1)</sup> Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **4,091**.

<sup>(2)</sup> Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**

DSS Geographic Region	Consumer Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	3,224	92%	134	4%	77	2%	46	1%	5	*	3,486
Central	1,865	84%	112	5%	202	9%	38	2%	---	---	2,217
Northeast	2,422	83%	204	7%	197	7%	78	3%	1	*	2,902
Metro	2,225	85%	79	3%	287	11%	25	1%	5	*	2,621
Southeast	3,024	84%	268	7%	176	5%	135	4%	6	*	3,609
Boston	1,881	84%	192	9%	140	6%	30	1%	---	---	2,243
Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Total	14,643	86%	989	6%	1,079	6%	352	2%	17	*	17,080

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

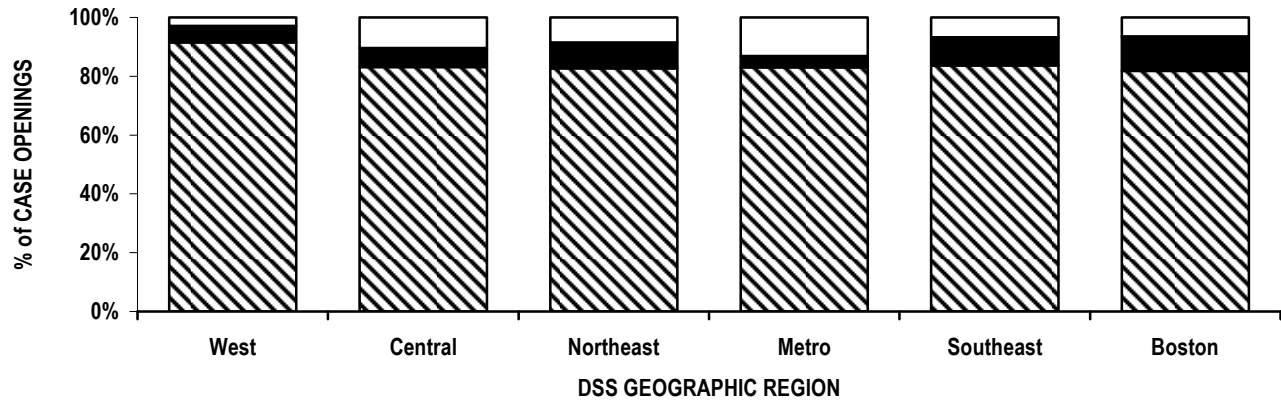
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **16,933**.

<sup>(2)</sup> Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

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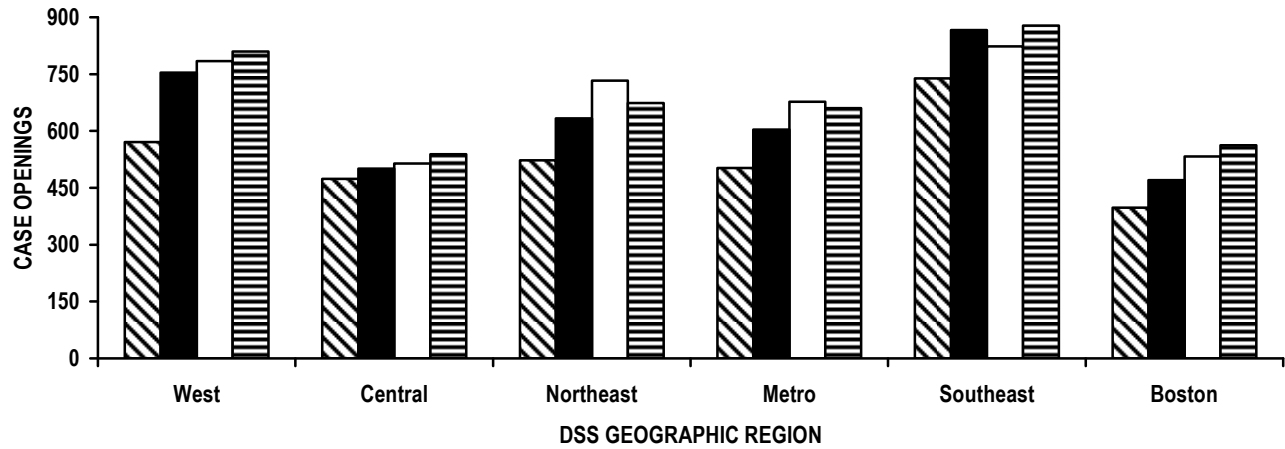
**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION  
FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**



Note: Chart does not include intakes categorized as Other and Unspecified.

Supported CA/N Reports CHINS Referrals Voluntary Request

**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER)**



7/1/05 - 9/30/05 10/1/05 - 12/31/05 1/1/06 - 3/31/06 4/1/06 - 6/30/06

### **Consumers with Placements Starting or Ending during the Quarter**

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, 3,937 consumers started at least one placement and 2,870 consumers left at least one placement.<sup>15</sup> These counts of placement dynamics are not the same as consumer entries and exits to placement since they include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11)

#### **Starting Placement**

- Of those consumers who started a placement setting during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, 32% were first-time entrants and 68% were re-entrants.<sup>16</sup> The re-entrant total includes consumers going from a home to a placement location and consumers changing placements.<sup>17</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 25% in Boston to 39% in the West. (Table 10, Fig. 15)
- The largest influx to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in both the West (19% of statewide entrants) and the Southeast (19%). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 62% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 30% were placed in residential care, and 8% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>18</sup> (Table 10)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-five percent of first-time entrants and 55% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 35% of re-entrants and 20% of first-time entrants were placed in residential care. (Table 10)
- Compared to other regions, Metro placed a higher proportion of re-entrants (49%) into residential care. (Table 10, Fig. 16)

#### **Ending Placement**

- Statewide, 22% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 14% in Boston to 28% in Metro. (Table 11)
- Excluding consumers changing placements from the list of consumers with placements ending during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, leaves 961 consumers who actually left placement. Sixty-seven percent of the 961 consumers leaving placement were returned home. (Table 11)

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<sup>15</sup> For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and exit were selected.

<sup>16</sup> Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

<sup>17</sup> Changing providers

<sup>18</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals and other state agencies.

- An examination of the reasons for consumers ending placement reveals a large number of consumers moving from one placement (old service referral closed) to another (new service referral opened)—changing placements rather than leaving placement (**Table 11**). These consumers appear as re-entrants to placement in **Table 10**.
- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, 3,937 consumers started placement (“new service referral for placement”). This was a 17% decrease in entrants over the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. A significant portion of this loss can be attributed to the decrease in re-entrants to residential care. (**Table 10**)
- The major shifts in re-entrants to care over the past four quarters (see table below) did not always involve a change of placement locations. Many new service referrals for placement were the result of an administrative change, i.e., the child remained with the same provider. This surge in re-entrants was related to the ending of the Commonworks residential care program during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. The closure of this program necessitated the creation of new service referrals during the first three quarters of FY'2006 (even though children had not moved). These service referrals artificially inflated the numbers of children changing placements. The size of the “New/Other” service referrals in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006 (see table below) is also related to the DSS taxonomy change from Contracted Foster Care to Intensive Foster Care.

Quarter of Fiscal Year	# Re-Entrants to Placement	# Re-Entrants to Foster Care	# Re-Entrants to Residential Care	Exits to New/Other Service Referral for Placement
FY'05, Q1	2,873	1,657	1,006	542
FY'05, Q2	2,334	1,356	752	492
FY'05, Q3	2,435	1,453	731	515
FY'05, Q4	2,556	1,573	733	570
FY'06, Q1	3,727	1,913	1,582	1,260
FY'06, Q2	3,144	1,818	1,072	1,143
FY'06, Q3	3,469	1,782	1,462	936
FY'06, Q4	2,692	1,494	940	1,755

Note: First three columns were taken from Table 10 for the last eight quarters (first-time entrants and re-entrants to placement). The fourth column comes from Table 11 (reason placement ended).

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS STARTING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**

DSS Geographic Region										
Entry Placement							Adoption			
Type Location Started	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	
First-Time Entrants:	298	138	220	194	254	128	---	13	1,245	
Foster Care	256	98	151	133	197	93	---	10	938	
Residential	29	38	59	51	49	25	---	3	254	
Non-Referral Location <sup>(3)</sup>	13	2	10	10	8	10	---	---	53	
Re-Entrants:	468	308	426	331	503	377	26	253	2,692	
Foster Care	337	188	201	150	292	177	20	129	1,494	
Residential	83	95	185	161	164	155	4	93	940	
Non-Referral Location <sup>(3)</sup>	48	25	40	20	47	45	2	31	258	
Grand Total	766	446	646	525	757	505	26	266	3,937	

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

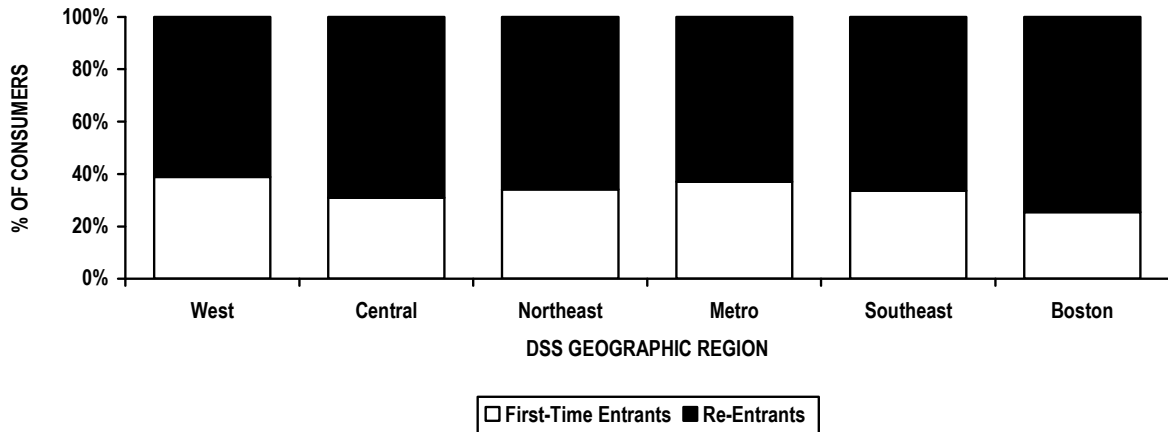
**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS ENDING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**

Reason Placement Ended	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
<b>New or Other Service Referral for Placement</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1,755</b>
<b>Child Returned Home</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>640</b>
<b>Placement in Non-Referral Location</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Consumer Adopted</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Child on the Run</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Child 18 or Older</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Custody to Other Individual</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Guardianship</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>New Sub-Contract Referral for Placement</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Custody to Other Agency</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>2,870</b>

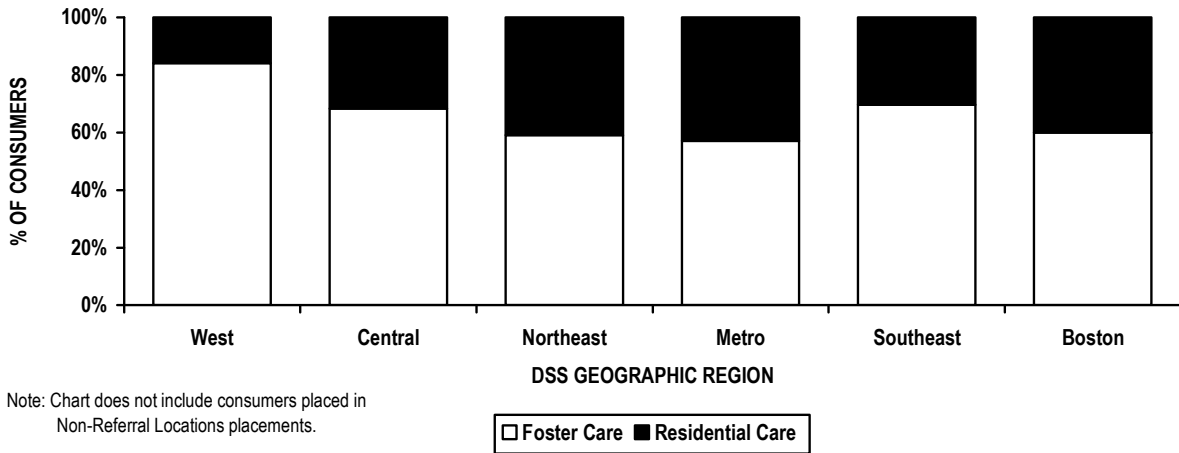
<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS WITH PLACEMENTS STARTING  
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)  
FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**

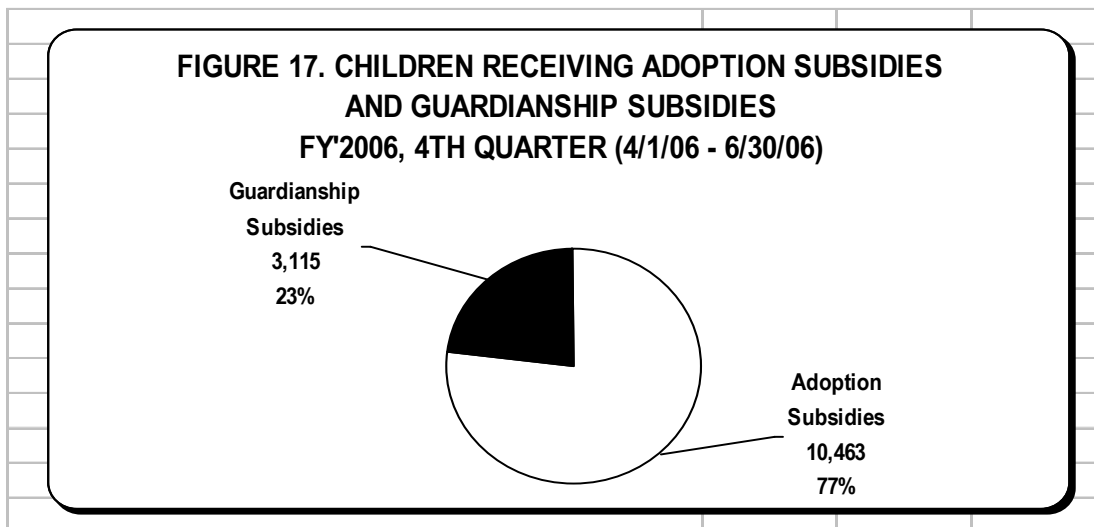


**FIGURE 16. CONSUMERS WITH FOSTER AND RESIDENTIAL CARE PLACEMENTS  
STARTING DURING THE QUARTER  
FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**



### Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,463. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,115. (Fig. 17)



From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, adoption subsidies increased 1% and guardianship subsidies decreased less than 1%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies increase around 1-3%. (See table below)

	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2003 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,328	1%	2,779	1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,470	2%	2,838	2%
FY'2004 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,605	1%	2,839	*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,616	*	2,866	1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,712	1%	2,944	3%
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,859	2%	2,996	2%
FY'2005 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,954	1%	3,002	*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10,081	1%	3,081	3%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10,002	-1%	3,050	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	10,146	1%	3,083	1%
FY'2006 1 <sup>st</sup>	10,113	*	3,073	*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	10,463	1%	3,115	*

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off



### **Foster Homes**<sup>19</sup>

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, there were 4,653 foster homes under the direct supervision of DSS. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>20</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>21</sup> Unrestricted foster homes accounted for 48% (2,238) of the foster home total while restricted foster homes amounted to 52% (2,415). **(Table 12A)**
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998 to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually increased from 29% to 52%. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 79% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 60% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 75% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 52% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Thirteen percent (603) of all foster homes were identified as Black (343 restricted and 260 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Sixteen percent (725) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (367 restricted and 358 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

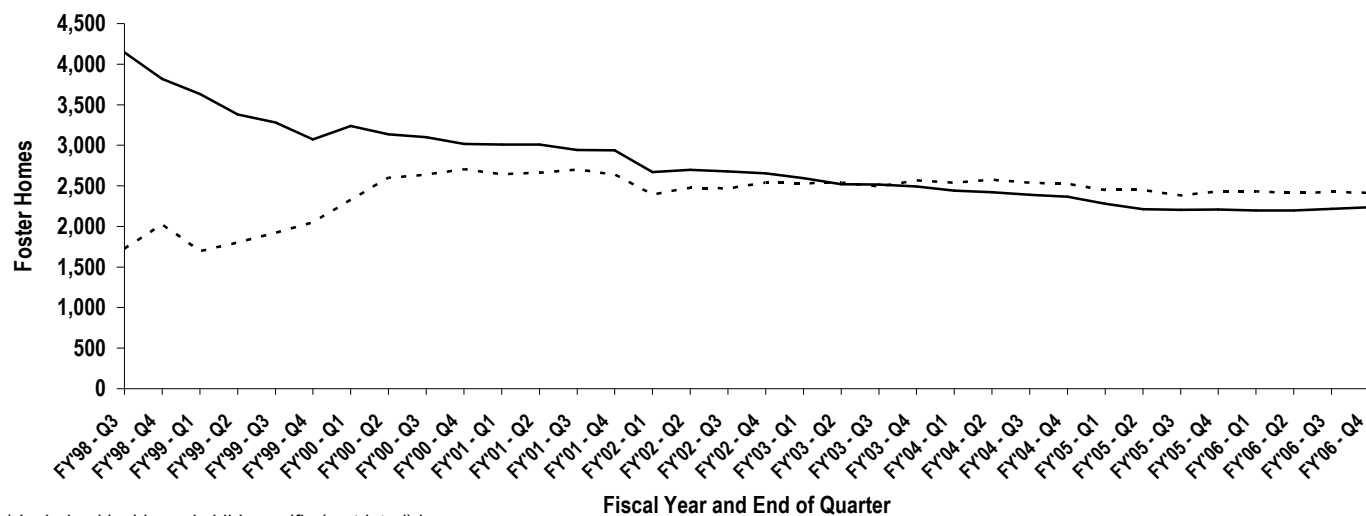
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<sup>1</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

<sup>20</sup> Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

<sup>21</sup> Unrestricted placements are those where DSS places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

# **RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES\*** **End of 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 (3/31/98) to End of 4th Quarter of FY'2006 (6/30/06)**



\* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

— Unrestricted - - - - - Restricted

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05) <sup>(1)</sup>

DSS Geographic Region															Adoption		Total
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>				
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No	%			
Restricted:	451		348		394		327		619		255		38		2,432		
White	363	80%	281	81%	298	76%	267	82%	499	81%	94	37%	21	55%	1,823	75%	
Black	56	12%	21	6%	21	5%	30	9%	69	11%	134	53%	11	29%	342	14%	
Asian	---	---	3	1%	20	5%	1	*	2	*	3	1%	---	---	29	1%	
Native American	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	7	1%	1	*	1	3%	10	*	
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*	
Multi-Racial	6	1%	---	---	4	1%	1	*	2	*	2	1%	1	3%	16	1%	
Unable to Determine	21	5%	37	11%	44	11%	21	6%	32	5%	20	8%	3	8%	178	7%	
Unspecified	4	1%	6	2%	6	2%	7	2%	8	1%	---	---	1	3%	32	1%	
Unspecified	25	6%	43	12%	50	13%	28	9%	40	6%	20	8%	4	11%	210	9%	
Unrestricted:	506		317		319		277		466		192		131		2,208		
White	399	79%	284	90%	255	80%	236	85%	392	84%	54	28%	113	86%	1,733	78%	
Black	67	13%	17	5%	11	3%	32	12%	37	8%	111	58%	11	8%	286	13%	
Asian	---	---	---	---	11	3%	---	---	2	*	---	---	1	1%	14	1%	
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	1%	---	---	---	---	5	*	
Multi-Racial	36	7%	1	*	5	2%	1	*	2	*	2	1%	---	---	47	2%	
Unable to Determine	4	1%	15	5%	35	11%	8	3%	28	6%	25	13%	6	5%	121	5%	
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*	
Unspecified	4	1%	15	5%	37	12%	8	3%	28	6%	25	13%	6	5%	123	6%	
Total	957		665		713		604		1,085		447		169		4,640		

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION: FY'2005, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/05) <sup>(1)</sup>

DSS Geographic Region															Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	451		348		394		327		619		255		38		2,432			
Hispanic/Latino	109	24%	51	15%	80	20%	35	11%	41	7%	38	15%	5	13%	359	15%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	327	73%	283	81%	292	74%	274	84%	554	89%	213	84%	28	74%	1,971	81%		
Unable to Determine	10	2%	10	3%	15	4%	9	3%	10	2%	4	2%	1	3%	59	2%		
Unspecified	5	1%	4	1%	7	2%	9	3%	14	2%	---	---	4	11%	43	2%		
Unspecified	15	3%	14	4%	22	6%	18	6%	24	4%	4	2%	5	13%	102	4%		
Unrestricted:	506		317		319		277		466		192		131		2,208			
Hispanic/Latino	124	25%	39	12%	84	26%	16	6%	45	10%	43	22%	5	4%	356	16%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	381	75%	273	86%	224	70%	256	92%	408	88%	148	77%	126	96%	1,816	82%		
Unable to Determine	1	*	4	1%	9	3%	5	2%	12	3%	1	1%	---	---	32	1%		
Unspecified	---	---	1	*	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	4	*		
Unspecified	1	*	5	2%	11	3%	5	2%	13	3%	1	1%	---	---	36	2%		
Total	957		665		713		604		1,085		447		169		4,640			

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

**TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/06) <sup>(1)</sup>**

DSS Geographic Region																Total	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>				
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No	%	No.	%	
Restricted:	468		311		428		334		608		230		36		2,415		
Married	248	53%	181	58%	218	51%	176	53%	340	56%	70	30%	19	53%	1,252	52%	
Single	118	25%	70	23%	122	29%	83	25%	147	24%	110	48%	10	28%	660	27%	
Divorced	60	13%	35	11%	41	10%	45	13%	62	10%	25	11%	4	11%	272	11%	
Separated	21	4%	14	5%	22	5%	6	2%	23	4%	14	6%	2	6%	102	4%	
Widowed	20	4%	7	2%	15	4%	17	5%	26	4%	11	5%	1	3%	97	4%	
Unspecified	1	*	4	1%	10	2%	7	2%	10	2%	---	---	---	---	32	1%	
Unrestricted:	513		339		315		314		503		172		82		2,238		
Married	304	59%	249	73%	178	57%	176	56%	325	65%	56	33%	58	71%	1,346	60%	
Single	95	19%	47	14%	84	27%	88	28%	88	17%	74	43%	22	27%	498	22%	
Divorced	67	13%	32	9%	29	9%	36	11%	54	11%	24	14%	2	2%	244	11%	
Widowed	26	5%	4	1%	12	4%	11	4%	22	4%	7	4%	---	---	82	4%	
Separated	21	4%	7	2%	11	3%	3	1%	12	2%	11	6%	---	---	65	3%	
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	3	*	
Total	981		650		743		648		1,111		402		118		4,653		

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

## **Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals**

### **Reports**

- Statewide, 19,049 reports were recorded during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. Sixty-four percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,831) and Southeast (2,850). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 4,077 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 55% in Central to 68% in the Northeast. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 71%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 1-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 24% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 2% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. Regional changes ranged from -9% in the Northeast to 5% in the West. Typically, report counts drop during the summer quarter (Q1) then climb during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

### **Investigations**

- The number of investigations completed during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006 was 10,668.<sup>22</sup> Fifty-seven percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast conducted more investigations (2,070) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 52% in the Northeast to a high of 61% in Metro. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 71% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

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<sup>22</sup> The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- The Northeastern Region had the highest screen-in rate (68%) and the lowest support rate (52%). Conversely, the Western Region had the second lowest screen-in rate (57%) and the highest support rate (59%). (**Table 14, Fig. 19**)
- Statewide, investigations increased 7% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from -3% in the Northeast to 14% in the West. (**Fig. 21**)

**TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
West	1,643	43%	2,105	55%	83	2%	3,831	20%
Central	1,019	45%	1,236	54%	28	1%	2,283	12%
Northeast	734	32%	1,506	66%	38	2%	2,278	12%
Metro	855	42%	1,174	57%	22	1%	2,051	11%
Southeast	989	35%	1,787	63%	74	3%	2,850	15%
Boston	589	36%	1,022	62%	42	3%	1,653	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,193	29%	1,920	47%	964	24%	4,077	21%
Special Investigations	5	19%	21	81%	---	---	26	*
Total	7,027	37%	10,771	57%	1,251	7%	19,049	100%

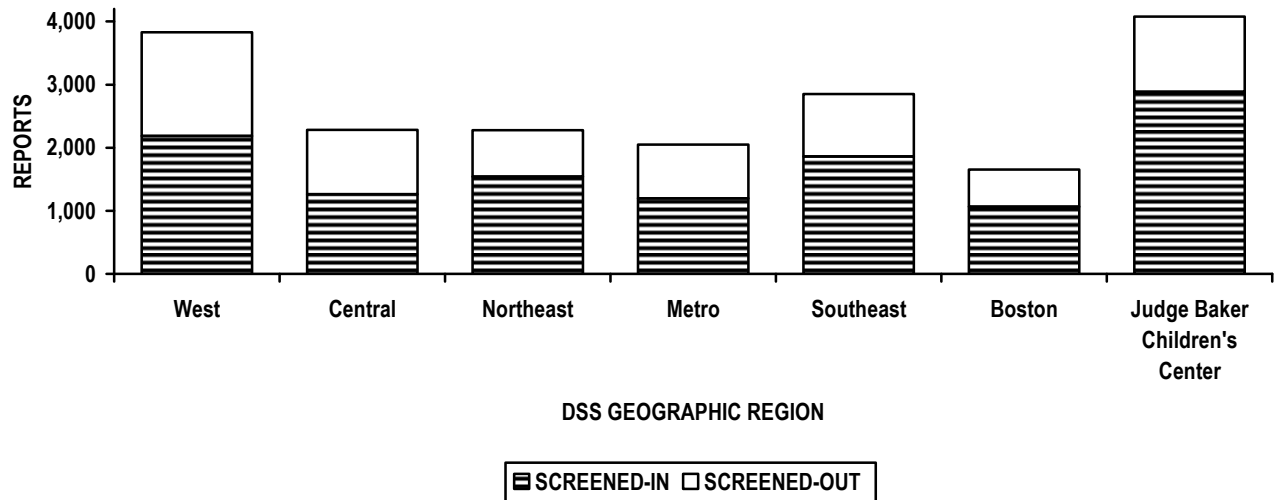
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**TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**

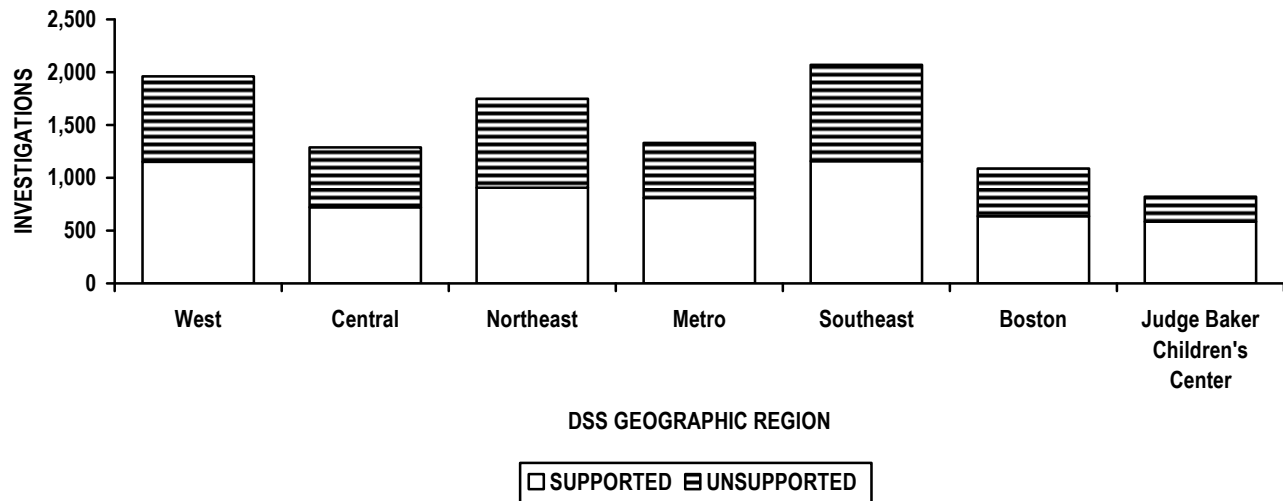
DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,151	59%	810	41%	1,961	18%
Central	721	56%	568	44%	1,289	12%
Northeast	905	52%	844	48%	1,749	16%
Metro	808	61%	523	39%	1,331	12%
Southeast	1,159	56%	911	44%	2,070	19%
Boston	635	58%	454	42%	1,089	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	586	71%	235	29%	821	8%
Special Investigations	91	25%	267	75%	358	3%
Total	6,056	57%	4,612	43%	10,668	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS  
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)  
FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**

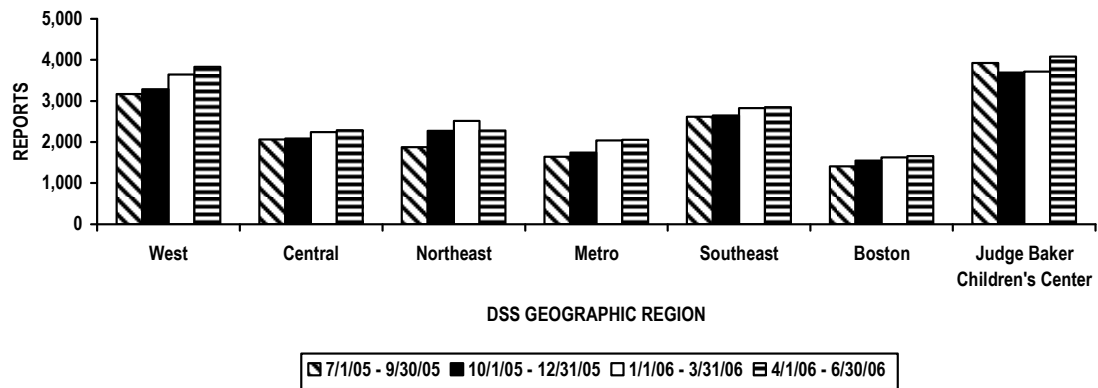


**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS  
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)  
FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**

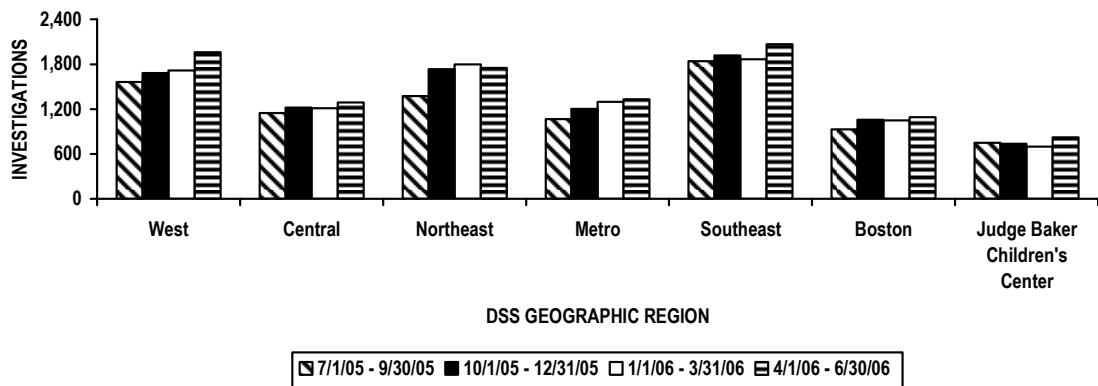




**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER)**



## DA Referrals

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, 1,302 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-three percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>23</sup> and 57% were discretionary referrals<sup>24</sup> (**Fig. 22**).

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	380	43%	504	57%	884
FY'01, Q4	435	48%	468	52%	903
FY'02, Q1	341	46%	403	54%	744
FY'02, Q2	421	45%	507	55%	928
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302

- Sexual abuse accounted for 82% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals<sup>25</sup> during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2006 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Sixteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

<sup>23</sup> Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

<sup>24</sup> There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DSS may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

<sup>25</sup> **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason.**

- Table 16 (on page 57) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and county. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the population size<sup>26</sup> for the county. Referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Essex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county population estimates, Hampden County (encompassing city of Springfield) had a higher number of referrals than expected. Norfolk and Barnstable Counties had lower numbers of referrals than expected.

<i>Date</i>	<b>Sexual Abuse</b>		<b>Physical Abuse</b>		<i>Death</i> <sup>27</sup>		<b>Total</b>
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	303	75%	91	23%	8	2%	402
FY'01, Q4	346	77%	102	23%	3	1%	451
FY'02, Q1	295	83%	57	16%	5	1%	357
FY'02, Q2	329	75%	107	24%	5	1%	441
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>26</sup> County population estimates for 2005 (<http://www.census.gov/popest/counties/tables/CO-EST2005-01-25.CSV>).

<sup>27</sup> Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DSS publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

## DA REFERRALS FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)

FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

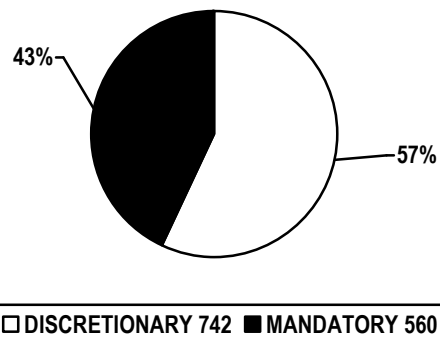
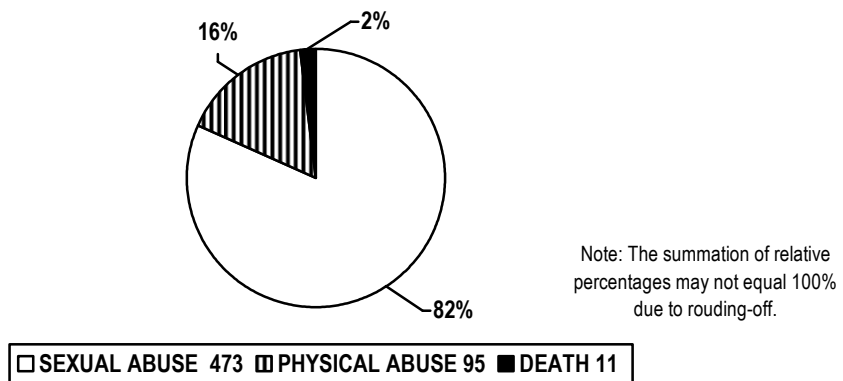


FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS:  
FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
<b>Sexual Abuse:</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>82%</b>
Sexual Assault	446	
Sexual Exploitation	27	
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<b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>16%</b>
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<b>Death:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2%</b>
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<b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>100%</b>

**TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY <sup>(1)</sup>: FY'2006, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/06 - 6/30/06)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Case Referrals				Total No.
	Discretionary		Mandatory		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Middlesex	152	61%	99	39%	251
Essex	85	37%	144	63%	229
Worcester	125	74%	43	26%	168
Suffolk	95	58%	69	42%	164
Hampden	93	61%	59	39%	152
Bristol	45	58%	33	42%	78
Plymouth	48	71%	20	29%	68
Norfolk	39	66%	20	34%	59
Berkshire	18	32%	38	68%	56
Hampshire	16	64%	9	36%	25
Franklin	5	25%	15	75%	20
Barnstable	11	65%	6	35%	17
Dukes	1	50%	1	50%	2
OUT OF STATE	9	69%	4	31%	13
Total	742	57%	560	43%	1,302

<sup>(1)</sup> DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> County where the child resides.